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BIRTHS.

KENNEDY—On Wednesday, December 17, 1924, at 89 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kennedy, a son.

MATHEWS—At 25 Longford terrace, Monkstown, to Miriam, wife of Captain A. H. Mathews, Bombay Grenadiers, I.A. (retired), a son. Indian papers please copy.

WHEELER—December 15, 1924, at 71 Philipsburgh avenue, Fairview, to Rowena, wife of Arthur William Wheeler, a daughter.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ALLEN—December 15, 1924, Mary, sister of the late Canon J. H. Kennedy. "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Funeral, Fulham, London, to-day.

BANNON—December 14, 1924, suddenly, at 12 Salisbury street, Belfast, Richard, son of the late John Bannon, Drumlion, County Cavan.

BERRY—November 25, 1924, at Sebastopol, California, Massey, dearly-loved and loving eldest son of the late Marlborough P. Berry, Clooneen, King's County. "At rest." "For ever with the Lord."

DOYLE—December 18, 1924, suddenly, at 13 Haroldville avenue, Dolphin's Barn, Vincent P. Doyle. Deeply and deservedly regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. On whose soul, Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy. Funeral private.

DRUMMOND—December 18, 1924, Evelyn, beloved wife of David L. Drummond, and loving daughter of Albert and Margaret O'Brien. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral strictly private.

FOOT—December 17, 1924, at Scotchrath, Mountrath, Anna Selina Foot, wife of the late Frederick D'Olier Foot, aged 80 years. Funeral at 1 o'clock to-day (Friday) to Roskelton.

GLENDON—December 16, 1924, at Monkstown Hospital, Edward Glendon, of Kill-o'-the-Grange, Monkstown. Deeply and deservedly regretted by his sorrowing children. R.I.P. Funeral at 2 o'clock from Monkstown Church to-day (Friday) for Dean's Grange Cemetery.

HEWITT—December 17, 1924, at River View, Ballymahon, Delphine Wilhelimma (Dell), loved daughter of Lorenzo J. and Wilhelimma S. Hewitt. Funeral 3 o'clock to-day (Friday), 19th.

HYLAND—December 17, 1924, at her residence, 10 Drumcondra Park, Margaret Mary, relict of late John Hyland. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing family. Jesus, have mercy. Funeral private. Australian and American papers please copy.

LADLEY—December 18, 1924, at Portobello House, following an operation, James Percival Ronald, darling child of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ladley, 120 Connaught street, Dublin. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral (strictly private) to-morrow (Saturday). American papers please copy.

McALISTER—December 10, 1924, at her residence, Drumheriff House, Loughgall, Armagh, Margaret Ann, widow of the late Jonathan McAlister. Her remains were interred in Moneyhill, the family burying ground, on Friday, 12th December. Deeply regretted.

McCARRY—December 18, 1924, at her residence, Letterkenny, Mrs. Annie McCarry. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing family and relatives.

MacLACHLAN—December 17, 1924, at her residence, Knockerra, Killimer, County Clare, Isabella Sinclair, wife of J. B. MacLachlan. Interment at Greenock, Scotland, to-morrow (Saturday).

MAHER—December 18, 1924, at the Munster and Leinster Bank, Tipperary, Kathleen, dearly-loved wife of F. E. Maher. "He giveth His beloved sleep." Funeral from St. Mary's Protestant Church, Tipperary, to-morrow (Saturday) at 12 o'clock.

O'KEEFFE—December 17, 1924, at Dominican Convent, Sion Hill, Blackrock, County Dublin, Mother M. Bernard O'Keeffe, aged 88 years. R.I.P. Office and Requiem High Mass this (Friday) morning, 19th inst., at 11 o'clock. Funeral to the Convent Cemetery immediately after.

STEPHENSON—December 18, 1924, at Ballinlough, Granard (the residence of her brother), Fannie, second daughter of the late Robert Stephenson, of Cloughernal, Granard. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) at 1 o'clock.

WHYTE—December 17, 1924, at 33 Hollybrook road, Clontarf, Eleanor E., widow of the late John Whyte, Tivoli, Clontarf. Funeral to Mount Jerome, leaving Hollybrook road at 9.30 a.m., to-day (Friday).

WINDER—December 16, 1924, at Maisonnette, Cowper Gardens, Naenie, loved and loving wife of Percy Winder, and beloved niece and adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Perrin. Funeral leaving house at 9.30 o'clock this (Friday) morning for Mount Jerome at 10 o'clock.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Miss C. Kelly, Delgany N.S., her brother and sister, desire to return sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, also for the beautiful wreaths and flowers, trusting this grateful acknowledgment will be accepted by all.

IN MEMORIAM.

DWYER—In loving memory of Seamus Dwyer, who was brutally murdered at his residence, 5 Rathmines terrace, December 20th, 1922. R.I.P. Mass for the repose of his soul in the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, to-morrow (Saturday) at 8 a.m.

HARVEY—In fond memory of mother, who passed to rest December 19th, 1921. "Oh, rest in the Lord."—Annie and Bella.

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JOHN J. MURPHY, Town Clerk. City Hall, Dublin, 18th December, 1924.

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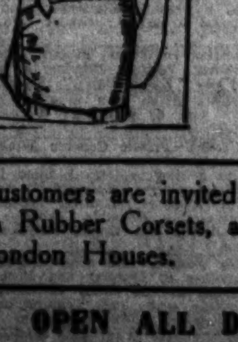
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By Order,
HENRY O'HARA,
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Council Office, Ballymena,
3rd December, 1924.

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(By D.M.L.)

TO those people who, having left youth behind, find a certain difficulty in working up the true Christmas "feeling," I can recommend the reading at this time of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol." In the days of my childhood the big green book was produced some weeks before Christmas and a part of the magical story was each night read aloud.

At that time the idea of having to work up the Christmas spirit would have appeared to me grotesque in the extreme; but even then the story of Scrooge and Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim seemed to intensify the pulsing excitement of a child's Christmastide.

The habit has endured through the years, and soon the Christmas Carol will once again be read, with all it's pathos, and the delight of its joyous ending. Once again we shall feel what a truly objectionable man was old Scrooge, in whom the spirit of Christmas was so shrivelled and dead; yet how pathetic as well, in his bad tempered loneliness. And we shall delight in the Cratchit family, with the dear delightful Bob, who saw only the good in other people, and who so loved his Tiny Tim. We shall sympathise with his wife, who could not refrain from saying what she thought about old Scrooge for his treatment of her husband: "My dear, the children! Christmas Day," said Bob, gently.

Once more we shall go with Scrooge on his spirit journeys, and peep into the Fezziwig home, where all is jollity; then stand appalled before the misery in Bob Cratchit's heart at the loss of his Tiny Tim. "It would have done you good to see how green a place it is," said Bob. "I promised him I would walk there on a Sunday, my little, little child." The mother laid her work upon the table and put her hand up to her face. "The colour hurts my eyes," she said.

But ours shall be the glory of finding that it is all a dream, and that Scrooge has yet a chance of making up for his bad temper, and that Tiny Tim is still alive. Can any heart, however tightly sealed throughout the year, fail to respond to Scrooge's delight that it is Christmas Day, and that his chance has not for ever passed away? The sending of the prize turkey to the poor Cratchit home; the visit to his nephew's house, where Scrooge is so much more warmly welcomed than he deserves; how we revelled in it long ago, and how it delights us still.

Then the changed man's scurry to the office the next day, praying that Bob Crachit may be late—which he is, eighteen whole minutes. How calmly we can bear the snarling greeting of the employer and the wistful excuses of the clerk, knowing, as we do, that everything is all right, and that Scrooge's astounding announcement will follow—"and for that reason I am about to raise your salary!"

Yes, I can confidently recommend Dickens' "Christmas Carol" to all those who say: "It feels less like Christmas every year."

MAKING BRUSHED WOOL HATS.

MATERIALS: Four ounces brush wool in shade preferred; steel crochet hook; a coil of silk-covered hat wire.

Commence with ten chain, join, and work one double crochet into each chain; next row make one double crochet and two double crochet alternately into each double crochet of preceding row; continue by making one double crochet into each double crochet of preceding row, occasionally (about every third stitch) making two double crochet into one of preceding row to keep circle flat. Continue until circle is about six inches across, or sufficient for top of crown.

Make side of crown by continuing with double crochet, widening only once every six stitches with an extra double crochet as before. This will give the slight widening necessary. Continue until side is about four inches deep, or depth desired. (If one has a hat of which one likes the proportions this will be a guide.) Next make one row of plain double crochet; make next row of treble crochet, one into each double crochet of preceding row, and an extra one into every third stitch.

Continue with double crochet as before, widening as required to keep crochet flat, to size desired. Break and secure end of thread and brush rough; if available, a small wire brush, such as is used for cleaning suede, is excellent for this purpose. (Rather tight crochet gives, perhaps, the best effect, and for this reason a steel needle is preferrable to a bone one.) Then, taking the hat wire, cut to lengths required and secure a circle inside around top of crown, base of crown, and edge of brim.

If the hat is desired to turn up at edges, when the brim is about 1½ inches wide, commence to narrow instead of widening, by skipping, say, every sixth stitch in preceding row (working the crochet into the next stitch) for about an inch, and then skipping every third stitch to make edge sufficiently tight to curl up.

Trimming is not necessary, but, perhaps, adds finish, and may vary according to taste. An inch-wide band of satin ribbon in contrasting or darker toning shade; a band of patent leather fastened with buckle clasp; a plait of its own wool knotted at the side. For the latter take about twelve strands of wool about 1½ yards long and plait with four strands together; secure plait with needle and thread an inch from each end, leaving the extreme ends loose, and tie around hat.

Chosen in plain colour or in one of the delightful heather mixtures available, this hat is, perhaps, ideal for wear with one's autumn suit.

W. M.

SOME COFFEE DISHES.

THE addition of some such individual flavouring as coffee can transform many an otherwise ordinary dish into one which is particularly appetising.

The following are a few popular coffee recipes such as can be prepared without much trouble:—

COFFEE LAYER PIE.

Put three tablespoonfuls of ground coffee into two cupfuls of milk, place in the top of a double boiler and scald for ten minutes. Then strain it through muslin or a very fine strainer.

Meanwhile, cream four tablespoonfuls of butter, add six tablespoonfuls of flour, ten tablespoonfuls of sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt, and the yolks of two eggs. Pour the milk over this mixture, stirring constantly while doing so. Return to the double boiler, and cook for fifteen minutes. Remove, and allow the filling to cool. Roll out some plain pastry thinly and cut into three large rounds the size of a plate. Prick the surface of each round, and bake till brown and flaky. When cool, spread the coffee filling between the layers, and on top. Beat the whites of two eggs until stiff, adding six tablespoonfuls of sugar gradually and half a teaspoonful of vanilla essence. Spread the meringue over the top of the pie and sprinkle with a little coconut. Bake in a cool oven for fifteen minutes or until the meringue is a delicate brown. Serve cold.

COFFEE SPONGE BASKETS.

Any good sponge cake mixture may be used as a foundation, and should be baked in small individual tins.

For the filling, scald three tablespoonfuls of ground coffee in one and a half cupfuls of milk in a double boiler for ten minutes. Strain and cool. Thoroughly mix together half a cupful of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of flour, the yolks of two eggs, and quarter of a teaspoonful of salt. Pour the scalded milk gradually on to the mixture, stirring all the time. Return to the double boiler and cook for fifteen minutes. Cool, and then add the whites of two eggs beaten stiffly, three tablespoonfuls of chopped walnuts, and half a teaspoonful of vanilla essence. Hollow out the centre of each sponge cake to form a basket, making a handle of a strip of angelica or orange peel. Fill the baskets with the coffee filling, and decorate with whipped cream.

STEAMED COFFEE PUDDING.

Cream together three ounces of butter or margarine and half a pound of sugar until soft, and then add one egg, slightly beaten. Scald four tablespoonfuls of ground coffee in half a pint of milk as before, and strain. Sift together two and a quarter cupfuls of flour, four and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add this alternately with the milk to the first mixture. Turn into a buttered mould or basin, and steam for two hours. Serve with the following coffee sauce: Melt four ounces of butter and add to it eight ounces of sugar and one egg, slightly beaten. Then add a cupful of milk, which has been scalded with three tablespoonfuls of coffee and strained. Flavour with vanilla, and serve poured over the pudding.

MOCHA CAKE.

Beat the yolks of four eggs with quarter of a pound of castor sugar, and add gradually four ounces of sifted flour and one teaspoonful of baking powder, mixed together. Then stir in lightly the four whites of eggs whipped to a stiff froth. Butter a cake tin and pour in the mixture, and bake in a quick oven for half an hour. When quite cold the cake should be iced with glace icing. To make the icing, put twelve ounces of powdered icing sugar in a saucepan, and mix with half a gill of water and one tablespoonful of coffee essence. Just warm, and then pour over the cake. Decorate with walnuts or preserved cherries.

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TRAINED Nurse, afternoons free, would visit patient daily.—D 1534, this office. 18 B

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WANTED for gentleman farmer's place in the Midlands early in January, good Cook General; must be country girl; young widow might suit; wages £26. Address "Z 41, Cook," this office.

WANTED, Cook General, doctor's house, early January. Apply, with copies of references, Mrs. Moran, St. Michael street, Tipperary. 17 E

WANTED for County Carlow, early in January, good Cook General; R.C.; experienced; family three; state age, wages expected; send copies. 17 A

WANTED, for Co. Waterford, next month, a thoroughly good, trustworthy, working cook; age about 35; small dairy; help of betweenmaid; family of 3, servants 5; forward copies, terms, reference. Reply "Z 44, Cook," this office. 17 F

WANTED for Foxrock, early January or before, two experienced Girls, as Cook General and House Parlourmaid; must have good references; good wages to suitable applicants. Apply D 1527, this office. 18 B

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

WANTED, Cook General (Protestant); some experience; small washing; £30. Apply Barron, Maryville, Knockbreda Park, Belfast. 18 B

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A SMART General Wanted immediately for Merrion. Apply Maison Geldof, 1 Leinster street. 16 F

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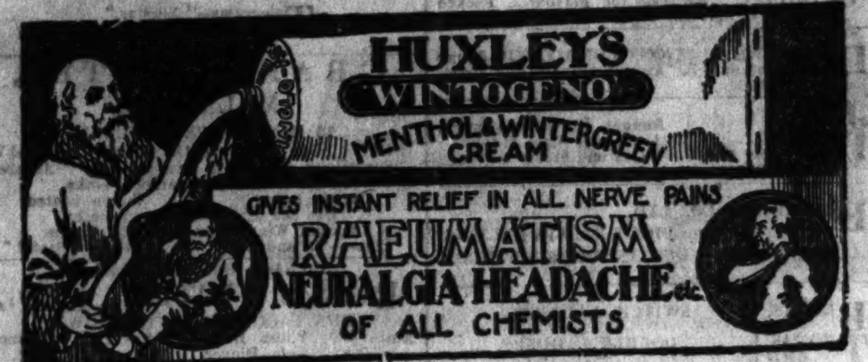

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The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The number of boys in residence was reported to be 80.

Cheques in discharge of accounts, amounting to £242 3s. 10d., were passed, and, after disposing of routine business, the meeting closed.

The Governors gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:—

£10 0s. 0d.—G. A. Rotheram, Esq.

£5 0s. 0d.—J. Pratt, Esq.; Mrs. S. E. Bellingham.

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LABOURERS VERSUS ROAD CONTRACTORS.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Clare County Council, the dispute over direct labour as against the contract system led to lively scenes.

Long before the hour fixed for the meeting contingents of labourers from all parts of the county assembled at the courtyard gates. When the tendering contractors arrived they were jeered and molested, and the Civic Guards had to form a cordon across the road. One labourer was arrested.

In the besieged Council Chamber the lowest tenders by contractors, who appeared to sign their bonds, were accepted.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Friday, December 19, 1924.

CUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS UACHTARACH (the Supreme Court of Justice).—At 11 o'clock. For Judgment—Payne v. Martin. To be Mentioned—Casey v. Hatte (appeal); Cotton v. England (new trial motion). For Hearing. Interlocutory Appeal—Foran v. Larkin.

AN PRIMH-BHREITHEAMH (Chief Justice).—Before the Chief Justice. For to-morrow (Saturday), 20th December. Motion—In the matter of a solicitor and the Solicitors (Ireland) Act, 1898. In Lunacy. Motions—15th Sec., adjd., T. O'B. Kelly; 52nd Sec., Beauchamp and Orr; do., Hannan and O'Brien; do., Horan and Devine; 58th Sec., A. Curnall. Petitions—52nd Sec., N. Taylor; 15th Sec., J. Robinson. At Chambers—Darlington, minors. This day. In Lunacy. Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Adj. summons, G.S. Before the Examiner, at 11.30 o'clock—Vch. sec. Frank and Oulton. Chief Justice's Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk, at 11.30 o'clock—Walker, a minor. Before Dr. Webb, at 11.30 o'clock—Irvine, a minor, vouch.

AN ARD-CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS (the High Court of Justice).—Court No. 1. Before Mr. Justice Meredith, at 11 o'clock. For Judgment—Palmer v. Palmer. Motion—O'Brien v. Quinn. At Chambers—Life Assce. Co. (Pay into Court) Act—Browne v. Hynes; Moran v. Kettle.

In Court 2.—Before Mr. Justice Murnaghan, at 11 o'clock. For Judgment—Conyngham v. Tripp. At Chambers—Daly, decd., Dunne v. Dunne. In Court. Motion—O'Neill v. O'Neill. Adjourned into Court—Laffan v. Ryan (witnesses), at hearing.

PROBATE AND MATRIMONIAL.—Before Mr. Justice Murnaghan, in Court No. 2, at 11 o'clock. Probate. Exparte Motions—In the goods of Richd. J. Barton, decd.; Roe v. Cornelius. Summonses—Croadaile v. Kelly; M'Donnell v. M'Donnell. Motion on Notice—Byrne v. Carey and anor. Matrimonial. Motion on Notice—Sullivan v. Sullivan.

In Court 3.—At 11 o'clock. For Judgment—The King (Thomas) v. H. D. Conner, K.C., Circuit Judge, Co. Cork; the King (Alexander) v. same. Exparte Motions. On Notice. Bail Motion—The State v. Patrick M'Adden; Osborne Flinn and Co. v. O'Molloy; Healy v. Killeen; Jones and Kelly v. M'Gregor; Cullen v. Richards; Farrelly v. Callinan; Hessler v. M'Donald; Jennings v. Hoey; Anderson v. Holmes; Wallace Bros. v. Durkan; Peel v. Cowan; Higgins v. Higgins; Irish National Assurance Co. v. Casey.

MICHAELMAS SITTINGS FOR TRIALS BY JURY.—To be Mentioned—Noe v. the Galway County Council and ors.

AN CHUIRT BHREITHIUNAIS CHUARDA (Circuit Court of Justice).—At GREEN STREET, at 11 o'clock—Income Tax Appeals.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before Mr. Justice Johnston, in Court No. 4, at 11 o'clock—Arrangements—J. H. Callan and Son, Queen and Kieran, O'Grady and Son, Little, and Son, Collins and Son, Horan and Devine, S. G. O Uallaigh and Proud, Horan and Devine, S. G. Rothford, W. V. Seddall, Collins and Son, J. H. Callan and Son, Collins and Son, Noyk and O'Reilly, T. J. Graham, Collins and Son, F. J. Allen, W. V. Seddall, Barry, 1st public sitting, J. B. Pearl; do., exam. witnesses, do.; Sweeney, 1st public sitting, Wm. Smyth and Son; Mulcon, do., Molloy, Fayle and Co.; O'Neill, do., P. M. Seales, Farrell, 1st meeting comp., Little and Cullen; do., 1st public sitting, do.; do., final exam., do.; Rowe, do., Thompson and Edwards; arrangt., motion, C. J. Reddy and Son; do., do., J. J. Duggan; Gorham, do., R. A. Howe; Clegg, do., Little and Cullen; M'Donagh, do., Keating and Keating; arrangt., do., W. V. Seddall; application to dismiss Drs. sums. W. V. Seddall; do., do., W. J. M'Coulter; Roberts, motion, Hamilton and Craig; Lawlor, do., Brown and M'Cann; Gormley, do., D. O'Connell; Murtagh, exam witnesses, Little and Cullen; Friery, sc. comp., Collins and Son; arrangt., do., Reddy and Son; Murphy, do., Collins and Son; arrangt., audit and divd., do.; Dalton, do., Lynch and Deering; do., motion, Scallan and Co.; Hourican, audit and divd. W. V. Seddall; Mooney, audit mortge sc., Collins and Son; White, do., do.; Kennedy, do., Findlater and Co.; arrangt., sc. comp., Molloy, Fayle and Co.; do., do., Collins and Son; Smyth, audit mortge sc., D. and T. Fitzgerald; Byrne, do., do.; Flanagan, sc. comp., Horan and Devine; arrangt., do., J. W. Davis. Before the Chief Registrar, at 11 o'clock—Arrangt., sc. comp., Little and Cullen; Hartnett, pr. dts. and vch., P. M. Seales; Walsh, do., Fullerton and Doyle; arrangt., pr. dts. Little and Cullen; Friery, do., Brown and M'Cann; arrangt., sc. comp., P. M. Seales.

COIMISIUN CUIRTEANNA DHAIL EIREANN CRIOCHNU GNOTHA (Dail Eireann Courts (Winding Up) Commission).—Before the Chief Judicial Commissioner and Mr. Commissioner G. S. Kenny—In Court No. 1, Dail Courts Commission Buildings, Caisleán, Bla Cliath, at 11 o'clock. Land Settlement. For Directions—Egan and others v. Ormonde and others (Sir John Carden's Estate). Motion—M'Donagh v. Nolan and others.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride, at 11 o'clock—Jackson, minors, F. V. Gordon. Master Denning, at 11 o'clock—A person of unsound mind, J. Robinson; Ormsby v. Hunt, Cassidy and Co., Garvey and Huggard; Watkins and Co. v. Foley, Crowley, Bolger and Cusack; Mitchell v. Jordan, H. Wallace and Co.; Mooney v. Byrne, Stritch and Stritch; Swain to McMullin, V. P. McMullin; Martyn, deceased, D. Purcell and Son. Master MacNamara, at 11 o'clock. Ex Parte Taxations—A person of unsound mind (G.S.), Montgomery and Chaytor; O'Riordan v. Galvin, M. O'Connor; Musgrave v. Wall, A. Carroll; Brown to Mulligan, P. J. Mulligan; Waterford County Council to Williams, J. F. Williams; Moran v. Meggett, P. J. O'Flaherty and Son; Moran v. Meggett, Bowles and French; Moran v. Meggett, Bowles and French; Dundalk Rural District Council to Johnston, F. P. Johnston; MacNaughton v. Legg, Hayes and Son. Notice—In Bankruptcy—From and after this date the Taxing Masters will not require attested copies of any documents on the File of proceedings for the purpose of vouching charges in Bills of Costs in above Court. Dated this 16th December, 1924—Valentine Kilbride, James A. Denning, Richard A. MacNamara, Taxing Masters.

RECEIVER OFFICE.—Mr. Dickinson, Examiner, at 11.30 o'clock. Receiver's Accounts—Lindesay v. Darlington, Moloney and Owens; Shaw v. Torkington, re-entry, F. G. M'Keever; J. Johnston, from 18th inst., O. Lloyd and Son.

COURT OF THE RAILWAY TRIBUNAL.—Thursday, 1st January—In the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin, at 11 o'clock—In the matter of the Settlement of the Great Southern Railways Amalgamation Scheme, 1925.

CHAMBERS NO. 1—Room 38—Findlater v. Minchell, sign cert.; Lawlor v. Tallan, do.; Wells v. Attorney-General, do. National Land Bank v. Heffernan; Lyons v. Hughes; Nesbitt v. M'Carthy; Hamill v. Attorney-General; Co's Acts and Irish Co-op Clothing Society, Ltd. Before the Assistant Chief Clerk—Room 62—At 11.30 o'clock—Smyth v. Irish Motor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

CHAMBERS NO. 2—Room 39—At 11 o'clock—O'Brien v. M'Mahon, sign cert.; Whitney v. Higgins, do. J. Moonan, decd., Reilly v. Moonan, sign cert.; Baggotrath Church Trusts, Hollinshead v. Murphy; Moran v. Farrell; W. Donelan, deceased, Donelan v. Donelan; Long and Co., Dublin, Ltd.; Motor Hirers and Sales Co., Ltd.; Johnson v. Colgan; S. Curringham, deceased, Clinton v. Cunningham; Peard v. White; E. Edghill, deceased, Edghill v. Edghill; Scott v. Scott.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Examiners' Chambers.—Before the Chief Examiner, at 11 o'clock—The Marquess of Waterford. Before Mr. Jeffrey White, at 11 o'clock—C. M. Harvey (E.C. 8164)—discharge rulings and settle schedule. Before Mr. Lonsdell, at 11 o'clock—J. A. Daly. Before Mr. Brett, at 11 o'clock—Annie Locke (E.C. 8001)—discharge rulings. At 3 o'clock—W. H. Whyte and others (E.C. 8267)—settle schedule.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry arrived at Craven Lodge, Melton Mowbray, last night, for a few days' hunting with the Leicestershire packs.

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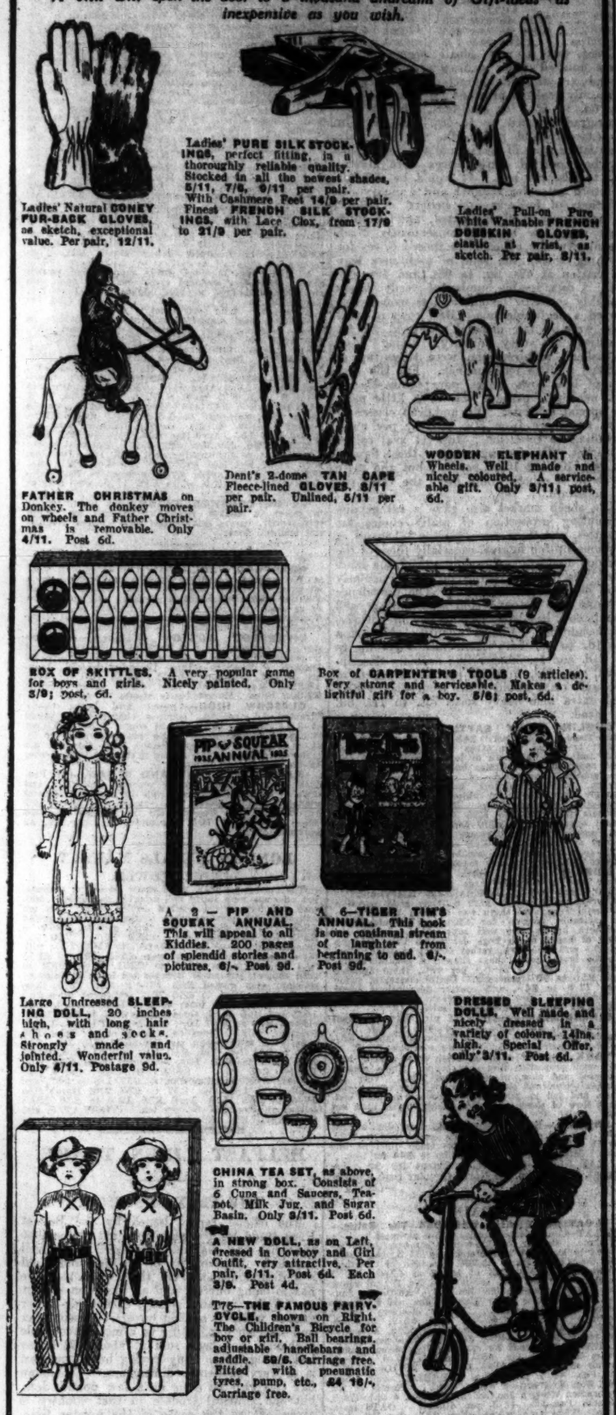

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SHOCKING AMERICAN CRIME STATISTICS.

"Americans," says Mr. Frederick E. Venn, in the New York *Independent*, "live in an orgy, a revel, a carnival, of homicide—of murder and of manslaughter. No one knows exactly how many people are murdered in the United States every year. The Bureau of the Census keeps account of the homicides that occur in the 'registration area,' which contains eighty-two per cent. of the population of the country.

"In the year 1921 there were 7,545 deaths by violence within this area, a rate of 9.175 for the entire population. Each year there are about 8.5 homicides for every hundred thousand people. In a hundred and fifty years, if we keep up the present rate, we shall have murdered about 1,500,000 human beings—more than have fallen in all the wars of the United States in the years that it has been a nation.

"Chicago had 312 homicides in 1921, 331 in 1922, and 389 in 1923. It is keeping up its 'murder a day' for 1924. Chicago now leads all of our cities in the number of killings. New York is a relatively gentle place; in 1921 it reported 340 homicides, in 1922 it had 337, and in 1923 only 303. But Chicago, for all its blood, is far from being the most murderous city if the death rate is considered instead of the total number of deaths.

"In the entire registration area in 1922, the death-rate from homicide was 8.4 for every hundred thousand inhabitants. Memphis, Tennessee, stood at the head of the list, with a homicide rate of 67.4 in 1922, and 66 in 1923. Jacksonville, Florida, was only a little behind, with a rate of 61.7 in 1923. A large negro population is always accompanied by a high rate in homicide. In the registration area the homicide rate for whites was 5.6 in 1922, while for coloured it stood at the startling figure of 34.7.

"America is the most murderous country in the world."

A "POST-HALLOWEEN" JOKE.

TWO MEN BOUND TO THE PEACE.

At a Special Court in Newry on Wednesday, before Major M'Callum, D.S.O., R.M., and Mr. W. G. Moriarty, R.M., William Halliday, a B Special Constable, and Daniel Fearon were prosecuted by District Inspector Fletcher for having on the 13th of November, raided the house of Thomas Loye, at Carmeen.

Thomas Loye said that on the night of November 13 a number of people were at a "ceilidh" in his house, when Fearon, wearing a trench coat and a false moustache, entered the kitchen and asked: "Where were the arms that there was all the talk about?" Witness saw the barrel of a double-barrelled gun through the door, and a shot went off, filling the house with smoke. Fearon ran out, but came back in a few minutes and apologised.

The defence was that the affair was a post-Halloween joke, and that the report which had been taken for that of a shot was caused by a hollow key stuffed with the heads of matches, and banged against the door.

Major M'Callum said that the incident might have led to very serious trouble. He ordered the defendants each to enter into bail in £50 for a year and to find two sureties of £25 each.

Mr. Moriarty described the defendants' action as "intolerable blackguardism."

NEXT YEAR'S EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS AT WEMBLEY.

Several new features will distinguish Wembley next year. The old drab roadways are to go, and red material of the kind used on hard tennis courts is to take their place. Even the wettest days will leave Wembley's footways dry when this easily drained substance is laid down.

The illumination is to be completely revised. Already three or four sections are in the hands of experimenters, and within a short while experts will decide on the best system for adoption to refit the whole Exhibition. There will be an effort to persuade the transport organisations to arrange for cheaper fares.

As an additional free sight, visitors will have the privilege of walking about the Stadium, which is to be thrown open to the public except when special shows are taking place. A grand military tattoo on a far larger scale than this year will be presented in the Stadium in May, and perhaps again towards the end of August.

A gigantic circus will fill the Stadium during the school holidays in July and August with Wild West shows. Electricity will play a much greater part in the Palace of Engineering, and one of the projected attractions is an all-electric town showing every device for easy labour, cleanliness, smoke abatement and the like.

New arrangements for catering are also being considered.

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Books of the Week.

BRITISH NAVAL HISTORY.

This work by the Professor of History at the Greenwich Naval College is in some senses a startling contribution to British naval history—or rather, to follow the title of the book, to the naval side of British history. The distinction between the two will be apparent after a moment's thought. British history is the aim of the work, but its originality lies in the fact that it is looked at from an entirely new perspective—namely, the influence that the rise or fall of the Navy, the insular or Continental outlook of the country's rulers, has had on the fortunes of these islands.

The first King of England to recognise his country's real rôle was Henry VII. Until his reign England had made no attempt to compete for the world's carrying trade, had failed to recognise the key position that the Straits of Dover gave to her, or that the line of defence was not the shore and the estranging sea, but the making of that sea her own. The Hanseatic League and Venice domineered the maritime world, but Henry did not lead the attack directly against them. He restricted imports of Bordeaux wine to British bottoms, and then, to point the way, built, and himself traded with, merchant ships that set a model for all the builders in England.

There were at this time no British warships. The warship was only an armed transport—that is, a merchantman. Other nations had already distinguished the two types, but not so England, and the reason for the failure (was it failure?) to do so is obscure. It was Henry VIII. who made the change, and by one single invention gave England the strongest battleship in the world. Artillery was now becoming a common land weapon, but at sea it was of little use; for it could be mounted only on "fore-castles" or "aft-castles." Spurred on by the King, an English shipwright devised the expedient of cutting ports and using these weapons on the lower decks. Henry at once in his overweening pride built eighty-five battleships thus armed, and it was this and nothing else that, in Professor Callender's view, gave him a right to dictate to popes and kings. "Colossally selfish he may have been, but selfish folk often know how to look after themselves; and while men of greater intellect still suppose that England's walls are made of water, Henry VIII. saw the truth, constructed them of wood, and armed them with the biggest guns that money could buy."

The trading spirit which, to some extent, disappeared in Henry VIII.'s reign re-appeared under Elizabeth, and it was this that actuated Hawkins and Drake to push West and South. It was only when they found that the world, parcelled out by the Pope to Spain and Portugal, was shut to all outside traders by the Spanish King that they proclaimed "the freedom of the seas" and proceeded to enforce their views in a dramatic fashion, not only by their distant forays, but by Drake's attack on Cadiz, which finally disposed of the theory that the oared galley was the warship *par excellence*. At home Hawkins, now become the Controller of the Navy, had begun to build the first genuine battleships, clearing away cargo decks entirely and lengthening the keel considerably. He, in fact, built what in all its essentials remained the standard warship until the days of steam. It was these ships which formed the backbone of the fleet that broke the Armada, and they were commanded not by soldiers, but by sailors known in the seven seas; and their tactics had ceased to be those of the land battle. The description of the English strategy and the battle itself gives an entirely new setting to the ordinary ideas of this fight, and deserves the fullest study by those who wish to get at the kernel of things.

Of James I.'s doings with the Navy the less said the better. It was his reactionary policy that soon left the English Channel and English coast-towns the prey of Algerine corsairs. Holland drove English fishermen out of the North Sea, and Dutch fishermen landed with impunity in Lincolnshire to dry their nets ashore. Of this aspect of British history how much is told us by the ordinary historian? From this plight the State was delivered by Robert Blake, the Roundhead shipowner, who developed a genius for organisation and sea-warfare. The study of this simple-hearted, high-souled man forms the most impressive chapter of this book.

For the great change that came over the scene in Charles II.'s day Professor Callender does not find the King to blame. He did his best to secure money for the Navy; he provided a training school for naval officers; but what could he do with the small amount voted by Parliament, when one remembers that Oliver Cromwell spent half of the State's revenue on the Navy and yet left a debt of over one million pounds? From this point forward the scene shifts somewhat; the naval side of British history has to take cognisance of the fact that the mouth of the Rhine and the mouth of the Thames are politically one, that the holding of the former by a hostile Power endangers the latter. The history of Antwerp during the Great War is sufficient proof, and the lesson is here historically driven home. The eighteenth century is a curious study from the naval standpoint. From beginning to end the Navy was doing impossible things—often half-starved by the criminal negligence of kings and statesmen. Yet until some naval historian, such as this, gets to work below the surface of things, we find all the honours ascribed to the generals, as at the taking of Quebec, and admirals punished and even shot for actions which to-day would be regarded as deserving of the finest honours the country could bestow. Men could not understand (even as at times they could not understand during the Great War) that success does not consist in killing or destroying, but in shielding lines of communication and keeping the freedom of the seas for oneself while denying it to the enemy.

The nineteenth century does not ask much of the naval historian, but this doctrine of the freedom of the seas reached its culmination in British hands. Pirates and slave-traders were swept away, and power was used to further the interests of every nation, giving "security for such as pass upon the seas upon their lawful occasions." Astounding as it may seem, it is the British Admiralty that, save for some few parts of Europe and the East Coast of America, has gathered together the material for every chart that the seamen of the world use to-day. "If British mariners were to vanish from off the earth and all other record of them were to perish, this might stand alone as a not unworthy memorial of their unsung toils and selfless excellence."

"The Naval Side of British History." By Geoffrey Callender. London: Christophers. 7/6 net.

JAPAN AND FORMOSA.

Mr. Franck spent about three weeks in Japan, then passing to Formosa. He is an experienced American traveller with many books of travel to his credit. He complains of a complete rudeness among the Japanese towards strangers. When he entered a shop the staff frequently left their desks, gathered round the wonderful white man and giggled. The giggling habit seems likewise common among the hotel staffs. Some of the hotels were both dear and uncomfortable. The native hostelry becomes a nuisance from the legions of servants, mostly female, who seek to attend on the visitor, denying him, by their forced attentions, even the essentials of privacy. The Shinto priest is still a person of importance, and his services are requisitioned at the laying of foundation stones and such ceremonies. The author has secured excellent photographs of the grounds of the Naiga, most sacred of all the Shinto temples, where pilgrims leave themselves and photography is extremely *verboten*. As this Shinto devotion is based on ancestor worship, and naturally inculcates regard for a sovereign who claims descent from the gods, the State encourages the religion heartily. Europeans will be rather surprised to hear that such a hard-headed race as the Japanese should still have sacred animals—deer roaming around at Nara. The pilgrimage to Koyasan impressed even the American visitor. Professional and business men trooped along with the poorest, and the girl-faced novice priest who acted as cicerone did everything possible to minister to the visitor's comfort. In fact, he is the only Japanese whom the author praises unreservedly.

The Westernising process seems rather thin. In the few European hotels visited Mr. Franck saw Japanese ladies, daintily kimonoed, clutch forks upside down, grip the body of a tea-cup, pare fruit backward, and, unconsciously, often with success, draw up their feet on to the seat of their chair. The "Japanseeing" of Formosa proceeds in a somewhat Prussian style. The old Buddhist temple is now a school for Japanese-born children, and Mikado worship is indoctrinated. At any rate, the Japanese Government has induced many a head-hunter, twenty years ago a cannibal, to settle down to such a prosaic existence as that of rural postman or railway porter.

The Japanese people fear Europe. They are now the only non-white race that is completely autonomous. They wiped out Christians three hundred years ago because they feared that the Spanish monk might prove the forerunner of the "conquistador," who a little while earlier had won Mexico for the old world. They certainly distinguished between Francis Xavier, the Jesuit father, and the Spanish Dominicans and Franciscans who came later, but this distinction did not save Xavier from execution. The Japanese have rules and regulations to control the foreigner at every turn, for the simple reason that, in his view, the white man, no matter what his race, will not rest satisfied until he has made Japan a helot State. Yet, with every wish to be fair, one cannot but be impressed with the fact that the Yoshiwara area was the first to be rebuilt in Tokio since the earthquake, although the poor still live in wretched quarters. This huge locality, closely supervised by the police, flaunts itself, advertising photographs of its inmates outside the booths. It is difficult for the European, while admitting the defects of European civilisation, to close his eyes to the grossness prevailing among this wonderful race.

"Glimpses of Japan and Formosa." By Harry A. Franck. London: T. Fisher Unwin. 10/- net.

CONFESSIONS OF A MARQUIS.

The Marquis de Castellane was born in 1867 at Rochette, the ancestral seat. Reared by a fine old royalist father—the family is one of the oldest in France—he recalls August 24th, 1883, when a telegram was handed in at dinner announcing the death of the Comte de Chambord, last of the eldest Bourbons. At the news the grandfather rose from his seat saying in broken tones, "My children, the King is dead. Let us pray." The France of the Divine Right and the Capet tradition had gone, its embodiment passing on the anniversary of the St. Bartholomew. The Marquis was reared in a home which, for all the changes, preserved much of the old seignorial tone, not to say influence. The chaplain was part of the household, and nuns frequently visited. The countryside was rather loyal to what had for centuries been a great name. A strict religious training was enforced in this establishment. This training the Marquis sadly forgot in his manhood, confessing with Gallic frankness to various amours.

Our aristocrat does not conceal his contempt for both the tinsel Empire of Napoleon the Third and the, to him, tawdry Republic. He saw in America a land of shams—rich vulgarians who tried to gain distinction by using their wealth to strip Europe of treasures which they piled clumsily in discordant fashion around their tasteless mansions. Even the Gould hunt was artificial, merely a "drag" affair which, for all its defects, our countryman, Pat Collier, patronised. Madame Melba advised "Boni" not to marry Miss Gould, a warning which was disregarded. It was in Canada, at Quebec, that the Marquis first felt at home. Here his kinsman, Montcalm, had given his life in 1759, and full of these thoughts he assisted at High Mass at the Cathedral, and, buoyed up with fervour and devotion, proposed to Anna Gould on his way back from the church. She consented, refusing, however, to turn Roman Catholic, on the grounds that, were she to do so, she could never be divorced.

The alliance of the Latin aristocrat and the American heiress proved a failure; but the Marquis accounted for over £2,000,000 of his wife's money before the rupture. Everything was done in regal fashion. Seven thousand guests once partook of the Castellane hospitality at the Palace near the Bois de Boulogne. Thirty thousand pounds were often spent in such displays. *Objets d'art* he bought, according to himself, with such skill as to make him a financial asset to the Gould family. Entering politics, he was elected deputy for his ancestral district. There were duels, in one of which M. Viviani acted as second for the author's opponent. A private yacht brought the couple to Dublin, where they were entertained by Lord Cadogan at the Viceregal Lodge. Broken after the divorce, he became the butt of the Parisian caricaturist, and, one day as he stood aside with a "*Passez*," to a rather faded lady, who was behind him, she answered with an acid pun, "*Pas si passée que vous.*" Those who seek arguments against the French monarchist party need not go farther than the confessions of this unrepentant aristocrat.

"Confessions of the Marquis de Castellane." London: Thornton Butterworth. 21/- net.

PARIS SKETCHES.

These essays written in English from the pen of a Frenchman are among the most delightful that we have read for many a day. Despite the title of the book, they are by no means confined to Paris; in fact, three of the most interesting are descriptions of France as she is being rebuilt in the devastated region and the North. M. Dimnet is frankly critical of the present course of French architecture. He quotes Lord Northcliffe's remark that "nothing equalled the rapidity of reconstruction of the North of France except its ugliness." He can even recall with something like a pang the sight of the country as he saw it five years ago, and thinks that those who did not see it then "have missed something in which sublimity was immeasurably more perceptible than Grand-Guignol gruesomeness."

The people, too, are unlike those whom he knew. Material prosperity exists, but has brought in its train shoddiness, an offhand manner and a sense of loneliness to those who revisit the scene. Even the soldiers of France to-day are totally unlike those long-service soldiers who learnt war in North Africa or the East, for whom "the shadow of the helmet with the horse's tail had left a seriousness on their brow, and yet there was a fire in their eyes." The modern recruit is hardly sent further than a few hours' bicycle-ride from his own village; he becomes little better than "a civil servant in a special coat." "When mystery is absent the critical faculty sports freely." Might we compare those observations to a state of things nearer home?

The second part of this collection contains sketches of M. Poincaré, M. Caillaux and M. Briand. The three chapters run only into a couple of dozen pages, but the art of the writer is such that into them he puts more vividness of portraiture, a clearer picture of modern French politics, than are to be derived from masses of news from "Our Foreign Correspondent." It may be a novelty to some people to be reminded that Frenchwomen have not yet got the vote, but M. Dimnet's penetrating observations on the reasons why they have not sought it give one furiously to think. In France literature and politics often go hand in hand; the exit from the one arena may be the signal of entry into the other. So we find M. Caillaux and M. Herriot not among the politicians in these essays, but among the literary group. Of the latter the essayist says: "It is almost painful to see a man who has long been in responsible positions feel satisfied with the reporter's notebook and pencil and treat us to descriptions of the Chicago stockyards, the Ford factory, or even Coney Island." He is a man who sacrificed the purity of literary ideals to the glamour of a political life.

In conclusion, we would recommend for perusal two chapters dealing with Anatole France. They were written before his death, and their trenchant criticism of his true place in French literature will be likely to be much discussed. He is "far below the great men who have used languages as vehicles and not as ends in themselves."

"From a Paris Balcony." By Ernest Dimnet. London: Grant Richards. 8/6 net.

THE DEALER'S ART.

There are countless great works in sculpture and painting to remind us that the pursuit of beauty has fired the imagination of every age. Its far-reaching influence in the humbler form of utilitarian craftsmanship is not so easily recognised; but sometimes even the uninitiated will be stirred by the line or texture of an old article—and the lure of "collecting" has begun. This innate feeling for the beautiful, indeed, is the highest incentive to collecting and also the greatest factor to its success. Mr. Rohan seems to have had it from the very beginning—an unerring instinct. Beethoven used to say, "I felt it must be so," when asked the reason of his latest composition, and "Mr. Rudd's" buyings and ventures were based on a like confident instinct and sincerity of purpose.

All this is gathered between the lines; for the author, for a successful man of business, is singularly free from egotism. The many stories of the amenities and human side of "dealing" will make the book fascinating to a wide public. It will interest and, perhaps, intrigue those to whom the joy of "collecting" is unknown. We can understand what a mine of inspiration "Mr. Rudd's" daily life was to Mr. Vachell, and, perhaps, re-read "Quimsey's" and "Fellow Travellers" with a more personal interest. The Dublin quays, as a happy hunting ground for bargains, occasionally figure in these stories, and, naturally, as "Mr. Rudd" had a *flair* for glass, there is some account of Waterford glass, though not as much as one could wish. The author acquired the Leinster toast glass now in the collection of Colonel and Mrs. Dickson, who also possess other notable examples of Irish drinking glasses. On the one side of this toast glass is engraved the portrait of the Duke of Leinster as a general of the Dublin Volunteers. On the reverse side is the crest of the family, an ape, and the motto "*Crom a boo.*" This glass is reproduced, one of many illustrations finely showing detail. One of the penalties of our times has been the passing of much valuable old glass from the country. Inscribed glasses of the Volunteer movement of the eighteenth century were rushed into the dealer's hands during "the recent trouble." So much that is priceless and that never can be replaced has been destroyed that one must only be glad to read of the glories salved, if departed.

The chapter on "Memories of Notable Clients" brings many social lights back to mind. How passing was their charm, how frail their hold upon their vast possessions! The frail things of beauty which they handled so lovingly survive. Mr. Rohan—to give "Mr. Rudd" due place—consistently regards himself as the custodian, rather than the owner, of rare and beautiful things, and, while he is a keen bargain-hunter, it is pleasant to see that considerations other than money have at all times had weight with him. One feels that a far more learned book may be written by Mr. Rohan, who has "curios" at his finger-tips; but this book, with its slight biographical reminiscence and impress of family life and affection, has not a dull moment within its covers. Mr. Rohan, too, has learned the lesson that the age is just beginning to teach: "One day mankind will realise that the training of children is the most important work of religion and politics. . . . It is the most awful responsibility to have the heart of a child in their care." This is a queer fact to cull from a book on "dealing"—but it is a book on values.

"Confessions of a Dealer." By Thomas Rohan. London: Mills and Boon. 10/6 net.

THE MAHABHARATA.

Mr. Stanley Rice has done a service in translating these tales from the Mahabharata. This epic is often compared with the Iliad and the Odyssey, but, at best, the resemblance is only superficial. Pan is dead; the Galilean has conquered Zeus, Apollo, Achilles and all the gods. The epics of India have a deeper meaning; for to-day they are living and throbbing in the lives of millions, including even those illiterates who toil in the fields or on the mountain, or live a drab existence in the ghettos of the town. To such as these the famous old stories are the music and colour of life, a perennial fount of inspiration for the dweller in the palace or the hut. Homer never again can mean to Europe what the Mahabharata means to India of the moment. The originals have here been rendered into good blank verse. The tales selected are pleasant and of a high moral tone. To us the most agreeable feature in this work is the exalted ideal of female virtue. When Yudistira gambled away kingdom, liberty, brothers, and finally his wife, it is the last, the bitterest sting—the attempted insult to her by the enemies of her unhappy husband—which precipitates the vengeance of the gods on those who knew not the dignity of womankind. Several fine drawings enhance the value of the book.

"Tales from the Mahabharata." By Stanley Rice. London: Selwyn and Blount. 10/6 net.

WHYTE-MELVILLE'S POETRY.

It is many a long year since Whyte-Melville, whose sporting stories were so popular in our youth, passed away. His songs and poems have been collected in a beautifully-printed volume—suitable for a gift-book—with eight coloured illustrations by Mr. Lionel Edwards, set on brown mounts. It is astonishing to find how versatile and apt a poet Whyte-Melville was. The most characteristic pieces are sporting poems, and it is to these that Mr. Edwards has devoted his exquisite pictures, in which there is all the exhilaration of the wide, wintry country and the cantering mounts. However, there are ballads, love songs and "verses of society" which are quite notable; and a Cavalier song from "Holmby House" compares not unfavourably with some more famous pieces of the same metre and theme:—

Hoi—saddle my horses as quick as you may,
The sorrel, the black, and the white-footed bay;
The troop shall be mustered, the trumpet shall peal,
And the roundhead shall taste of a Cavalier's steel.
For the little birds sing,
There are hawks on the wing
When the gallants of England are up for the King!

"Songs and Verses." By G. J. Whyte-Melville. London: Constable. 14/- net.

RECENT FICTION.

Sixty-five years ago Frederick Rolfe was born in London. His eccentricities notwithstanding, he became a successful teacher; and while at Grantham Grammar School he attracted the friendship of Dr. Hardy, subsequently Vice-Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. A scholar of considerable attainments, he was interested in painting and poetry. In 1896 he induced the Roman Catholic Bishop of Shrewsbury to send him to study for the priesthood at Oscott College, whence he proceeded to Rome. Being involved in some difficulty, he adopted the profession of vagrant and formulated the theory that, when necessary, it is proper for the artist to encroach upon the means of others. Making the Duchess Cesarini-Sforza his "adopted grandmother," he assumed the title of Baron Corvo. He embarked upon numerous hair-brained schemes and bizarre adventures in literature; but his portion eventually was "toil, envy, want." In order to escape his creditors he was accustomed to emerge only at night, disguised with wig and painted face. He died suddenly at Venice in 1913. His principal work is "Hadrian VII.," which is in the nature of a confession and imagines the author in the Papacy. "The Chronicles of the Borgia" exemplifies a quest for odd particulars, reminiscent of Burton; and as alchemist in words he is seen in his version of the Rubaiyat. However, Rolfe drew notice first by a series of six stories published in "The Yellow Book" during 1895-6. These he combined with twenty-six similar tales in the volume called "In His Own Image." They are supposed to be related by the garrulous Toto, and a nominal sequence is prefaced. Theology is treated in a most unusual manner, while disapprobation of the Capuchins and the Jesuits constantly is exhibited. The style tends to be simple and trenchant, but it is marked by astounding extravagances, sometimes even in spelling.

"In His Own Image." By Frederick Baron Corvo. Lane. 7/6 net.

In spite of the title, "Introduction to the Ladies" is a seriously minded, though highly entertaining, book. The hero returns from school to find that Society life, as it presents itself to the son of a prominent M.P., is uncongenial to him. As he rejects the idea of a university career, his father sets him up in rooms, introduces him to an editor of a literary paper, and waits for the boy to gain his feet. Marmaduke is a thoughtful, romantic boy, who seeks his experiences shyly and with restraint. They are not the less emancipating on that account, and we follow him with keen interest as he passes through the hands of girls drawn from all classes and types. We shall look forward to future novels by Mr. Arnold Palmer.

"Introduction to the Ladies." By Arnold Palmer. Grant Richards. 7/6 net.

Mr. Curtis Yorke begins admirably with a story of a *nouveau pauvre* family, the Twillinghams, who, left penniless by the winter marriage of the uncle who had maintained them, decide to break with all tradition and to start a green-grocer's shop. The shock to their relatives is as great on hearing of the project as that occasioned to the same people by the subsequent information that the business is paying well. A local duchess patronises the youngsters, and even invites them to her garden-party. Further, when the family issues invitations to an extremely select affair in the green-grocery premises—with roof-gardens thrown in—the duchess deigns to visit the function as if the by-street were Park Lane. Love affairs now introduce complications. One of the family forsakes her cabbages for a youthful baronet with a handsome income, previously informing the aristocratic stripling of her humble daily tasks. The marriage takes place, transforming the young bride into a snob. At this stage the author abandons the humorous side of his story to follow the fortunes of the family, and these fortunes, in their sequel, provide a rather ordinary, but quite readable, story.

"The Irrepressibles." By Curtis Yorke. Hutchinson. 7/6 net.

Mr. Edward Charles Reid, who was awarded the John Long £500 prize for the best "first novel," has certainly grasped one fundamental element of his art. He has quite a good story to tell, and he handles his material skilfully. He is, in fact, so anxious to interest the reader that he almost errs on the right side and over-complicates the plot. Of his characters there is less to be said. They are all easily recognisable types, gracefully, but by no means powerfully, drawn. "A Wise Fool" is not, perhaps, a book which we would care to read twice, but no one can dispute its readability.

"A Wise Fool." By Edward Charles Reid. Long. 7/6 net.

Eugene Curry, a magnetic lecturer at the academy of the gossiping little American town of Leitersville, has risen through his own ability. He is a "climber" of the worst type, heartily ashamed of the farm whence he came. He marries a quiet little schoolteacher, but his head is turned by an underbred girl, whose wealth blinds him to her vulgarity. That Nancy is heiress to a vast fortune is a fact known only to Herrick Appleton, who tells the first half of the story. Nancy's discovery that her idol has feet of clay and her subsequent escape, as related by herself, form the rest of the book, which contains some excellent studies in character.

"The Scoth." By Helen R. Martin. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

IRISH SUCCESS AT CATTLE SHOW.

A notable success at the Carlisle Show held last Monday was that of a black polled Angus heifer, raised in the vicinity of Dublin.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

ARCHÆOLOGY.

The Chalice in the Church. By Charles A. Webster, D.D. London: Mowbray. 3/- net.

[The Dean of St. Patrick's, in a foreword, says that in this little book the Chancellor of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral "has given us much information about chalices which, so far as I know, cannot be found in any other single volume." Dr. Webster sketches the history of the Irish chalice from the days of the glass, and even wooden, cups used by the Celts to the seventeenth century, and describes in some detail many interesting relics. Photographs illustrate the ancient Ardagh chalice and others which date from the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. Dr. Webster recalls the fact that the act of Communion was called "going to the chalice" in the Rule of the Culdees.]

ART.

Modern Masters of Etching No. 2.—James McBey. London: "The Studio." 5/- net.

[In an Introduction Mr. Malcolm C. Salaman describes the versatile genius of the Scottish artist, who leapt to fame in 1911. There are twelve fine sepia reproductions illustrating Mr. McBey's work, which has less of rugged strength and more of airy delicacy than that of Mr. Brangwyn, whose art is exhibited in a uniform volume which we noticed last week. "Gamrie" and "Ebb-Tide," marine pieces, have a wonderful sense of light, and "Night in Ely Cathedral," on the other hand, is a study in the solemnity of darkness.]

BIOGRAPHY.

General Sir John Cowans: The Greatest Quartermaster-General. By Major Desmond Chapman-Huston and Major Owen Rutter. London: Hutchinson. Two Vols. 42/- net.

[Sir William Robertson contributes an introduction to this life of the only member of the Army Council who served throughout the war. Sir John Cowans's was the master mind that directed the expenditure of thousands of millions of pounds of Britain's money in the great war. The story of his life-work takes in service in the Egyptian war of 1898, in the South African war, and in India.]

ESSAYS.

Unposted Letters. By John o' London. London: Newnes. 2/- net.

[Number 2 of "John o' London's Little Books" contains 45 little chapters on literary biography, curiosities of language, and questions of style. Among the titles are, "Why does not science inspire poets?" "Brewhou Butler." "Have you read the Apocrypha?" "The detective in fact and fiction."]

FICTION.

Love Triumphant. By Norah Fitzmaurice Stockwell. 6/- net.

The Lady of the Grange. By W. Scott Sisterson. Stockwell. 6/- net.

JUVENILE.

The Fairy Tales of a Nursery Governess. By Evangeline Deverell. **The Little Builders.** By Isabel Wortley. **The Cobra's Head.** By J. A. Howe. London: Stockwell. 2/6 apiece.

MISCELLANEOUS.

New Ways with Partridges. By Richard Page. London: *The Field*. 3/6 net.

[Mr. Eric Parker, Shooting Editor of *The Field*, in a Preface, recommends his handbook, in which the author describes methods which he has found successful in raising and increasing a stock of partridges.]

The Life Ray. By Maud S. Levett. London: C. W. Daniel. 1/6 net.

How to Play Snooker and Other Pool Games. By Willie Smith. London: Pearson. 2/- net.

The Wood Square Puzzle Book. London: Pearson. 3/6 net.

NEW EDITION.

An Irish Peer on the Continent (1801-1803). Edited by Thomas U. Sadleir, M.A. London: Williams and Norgate. 5/- net.

[A second and cheaper edition of the journal of Catherine Wilmot, who accompanied Lord and Lady Mount Cashell through France and Italy on a tour on which the travellers were guests of Napoleon and Josephine, and met Talleyrand, "his face large, pale and flat, like a cream cheese"; La Fayette, Kosciusko, Mme. de Staël, Henry Cardinal York and other celebrities.]

POETRY AND DRAMA.

Tristram and Iseult. By "An Fallibh." Dublin: The Talbot Press. 1/6 net.

[A dramatic poem by the author of six graceful little books of verse and imaginative prose. The scene is aboard the vessel which is bearing Iseult from Ireland to Cornwall, and depicts the legendary surrender of Tristram and his charge to the love potion.]

The British Reader, New York and Other Poems. By Hewson Cowen. London: Stockwell. 4/- net.

POLITICS.

The Victory of Sinn Fein. By P. S. O'Hegarty. Dublin: Talbot Press. 6/- net.

[Mr. O'Hegarty, Secretary to the Free State Post Office, traces the evolution of the Sinn Fein movement, and, up a member of the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, describes the part played by that organisation behind the scenes.]

The King, who spent yesterday shooting at Hall Barn as the guest of Viscount Burnham, motored back to London last evening.

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GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL.

HIGH PRICES FOR CONTRACTORS

The Joint Committee of Grangegorman (Dublin) Mental Hospital yesterday considered tenders for beef and mutton for the first three months of 1925, the prices quoted being—Beef, 92s. 8d. and 107s. 6d. per cwt.; and mutton, 129s. 6d. and 177s. 6d. per cwt.

The Clerk (Mr. J. J. Doyle) said that the prices compared very unfavourably with those paid last year, when, however, they gave a contract for a period of six months. They then paid 69s. 10d. for beef.

The Clerk added that the price for mutton in the corresponding period last year was 117s. 10d.

Mr. Cogan said that they might look forward to high prices during the spring.

The Clerk—With the increase in the price of potatoes and flour, this increase will be serious.

It was decided to accept the lower contract, which was submitted by the present contractor, Mr. Patrick Harte.

Mr. S. McCracken, who had completed 40 years' service as assistant schoolmaster, was granted a superannuation allowance of £122 1s. 6d.

Dr. Donnellan intimated that since his last medical report 16 men and 19 women had been admitted to the institution, the number of patients at Grangegorman and Portrane now being 3,424 (1,772 males and 1,652 females). Of the total, 833 men and 723 women were at Portrane. As compared with last year, the figures showed an increase of 2 and .01 per cent. The health and general condition of the patients were excellent.

HOLLAND'S HIGHER TARIFFS.

THE HAGUE, Thursday.

The First Chamber of the States General to-day approved a bill providing for an all-round increase of 8 p.c. of the present import duty of 5 p.c. The whole of the Left Parties voted against the measure.—(Reuter.)

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DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD.

At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board the Harbour Master reported that on the 1st inst. the steam collier Kyanite, when swinging in the river, had let her anchor go, fouling the guard chain of the electric cable across the river.

Senator Moran, who presided, said that this was another argument in favour of a tunnel under the Liffey.

On the question of providing an electric crane for the shed at Great Britain quay, Mr. Munden said that this shed had been erected at a cost of £3,700 to provide accommodation for the fruit trade. There was delay in making the accommodation available owing to the Revenue authorities not having settled their requirements.

Mr. Barry said that the shed referred to was erected for the benefit of the Spanish fruit trade. He had now heard that the fruit trade did not intend to use it.

Mr. Hollwey said that the Harbour Master would not be responsible for vessels drawing more than 19 feet of water on the South side.

Eventually the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the whole Board contained a report from the Law Agent referring to the ss. Chicago, which carried some of the Lourdes pilgrims from Dublin, and dealing with the Board's powers to vary tonnage dues.

Recommendations were adopted that half tonnage rates be charged on passenger vessels entering and not remaining within the port for more than twenty-four consecutive hours, and also that half tonnage rates be charged on overseas vessels with passengers, cargo or mails, if the cargo is less than one-half of the registered tonnage of the vessel.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

At the inquest yesterday at Friern Barnet, Middlesex, on Mr. Blake Odgers, who dropped dead on Tuesday, evidence was given that the deceased man got out of the train at Church End (Finchley) Station in mistake for Woodside Park, and started to walk home.

About a mile away he fell on the pathway.

Examiners reporting to the Glasgow Presbytery on students coming forward for the ministry commented on the woeful deficiency shown in Bible knowledge.

YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

CONVICTED WOMAN'S APPEAL.

DATE OF EXECUTION POSTPONED.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Justice Johnston.)

The case of the Attorney-General v. Mary Moynihan was listed to be mentioned, in the Court of Criminal Appeal. It related to the sentence of death passed on the young woman, Mary Moynihan, following her conviction on an indictment of having murdered her mistress, Mrs. Nora Horgan, wife of a farmer residing near Kanturk.

The Chief Justice said that he asked to have the case put in the list for the reason that it was a death sentence, and in that way it was more urgent than others. On looking at the notice of appeal, he saw that the prisoner stated that she desired to have her case presented orally by counsel, and on such other records as were available. He found that she had had counsel assigned to her at the trial, and it occurred to him that it might be proper that counsel should be assigned on the appeal, because the Court had power to do so under the rules. If that was so, there ought to be sufficient opportunity afforded to the counsel assigned to state the matter.

Mr. Carrigan, K.C., who, with Mr. Bewley (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), appeared for the Attorney-General, said that he was in the case, and Mr. Justice Sullivan assigned Mr. Noyk as solicitor, and Mr. Joseph Healy as counsel, on behalf of the prisoner. They appeared and defended the prisoner at her trial, and the Attorney-General now desired to offer every facility to the convict in that appeal. A transcript of the evidence would be furnished.

The only thing that I have to convey to your lordships, said Mr. Carrigan, is that the date of execution has been fixed for the 13th January, and it would be, I am instructed to say, an inconvenient precedent if, on an application being made by a convict in such circumstances as this, the Court could not fix a date which would enable the appeal to take place and be disposed of prior to the day fixed for the execution.

The Chief Justice—As far as precedent is concerned, we have already had a precedent.

Mr. Carrigan—There have been cases where the competent executive authority has given an undertaking to the Court that an execution will not take place. That frequently occurred in the past. At present I am not in a position to say that there is any such authority. Therefore, consistently with your lordships' convenience——

The Chief Justice—Convenience is one thing. We cannot allow anything to take from the solemnity and importance of this case. We cannot have a rush. Suppose the conviction is affirmed, we cannot do anything that would lead to a rushed execution.

Mr. Carrigan—No. I am advisedly asked to tell your lordships that the Attorney-General has no authority in the matter, and instructs me to ask you to fix the date of this trial prior to the 13th January.

The Chief Justice—If it is impossible to do it with decency and decorum, the Attorney-General must make such provision as will meet the situation.

Mr. Carrigan—It is not in the power of the Attorney-General. It lies with the Minister of Justice.

The Chief Justice—He must attend to the matter. The offices are closed down for a certain period. It is impossible to have the transcript completed——

Mr. Carrigan—I think I can say, according to the Attorney-General's information, that the transcripts will be forthcoming before Christmas.

The Chief Justice—As far as I am concerned, I am not going to have any race in a case of this kind. I do not think it is decent.

Mr. Carrigan—We only wish to avoid——

The Chief Justice—Because the Minister happens to be on holiday—I do not think that is a consideration.

Mr. Carrigan—I am not putting it on that ground. I only wish to avoid that it could be regarded to postpone the date of execution by coming in and making an *ex parte* application, and get a date fixed subsequent to the date fixed by the judge.

Mr. Justice O'Shaughnessy—Who postpones the execution?

Mr. Carrigan—It would be the Minister for Justice in this case.

Mr. Justice O'Shaughnessy—Some years ago a man in Cork was sentenced, and his execution was twice postponed. And it was postponed by the order of the ex-Chief Justice.

Mr. Carrigan—The Attorney-General has no power, except to give your lordships——

The Chief Justice—I think we have ample power ourselves to postpone the date of execution, and, if necessary, in the interests of decency and decorum, we will exercise it.

Mr. Carrigan—I am not here to press anything.

The Chief Justice—I hardly anticipate that the transcript will be completed before the offices close down. We have ample power to postpone, and it seems unlikely that, with all proper preparations and opportunity, if this case is to be properly heard, it could be heard before the 10th or 11th January. In that case we will exercise the power we have to postpone the execution and the date fixed for the execution to the 30th or 31st January. When the time comes we will do that.

Mr. Carrigan—When that is conveyed to the Minister for Justice I am sure the necessary steps will be taken in the matter.

The Chief Justice—In the meantime, the prisoner will know that her appeal goes on.

Mr. Carrigan—Yes.

The Chief Justice—It is understood that when the time comes on for the hearing we will make an order, as part of our order, postponing the date of the execution until 30th or 31st January, and all authorities should be so informed.

Mr. Carrigan said that that would be done. Of course, the time was exceptional, and everybody must recognise that what his lordship said was reasonable. It was the only time of the year that they had enforced holidays. Mr. Noyk and Mr. Healy were assigned as solicitor and counsel for the prisoner at the trial, and he took it that their lordships would make a similar assignment now.

The Chief Justice said yes. He would make an order giving the prisoner a free transcript of the evidence.

Mr. Joseph Healy (instructed by Mr. Noyk) said that, in addition to the free transcript, he also wanted facilities to see the prisoner.

Mr. Carrigan said that the Chief State Solicitor would facilitate counsel for the prisoner in every way.

POST OFFICE ROBBERY.

PRISONER'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

In the Court of Criminal Appeal the appeal came on for hearing of Thomas P. Hardy against his sentence by Mr. Justice Sullivan at the Central Criminal Court to seven years' imprisonment, following his conviction on an indictment of having, on the 28th August last, at Portobello Post Office, together with three persons unknown, being armed with revolvers, robbed Charles George Panton of £1,500, the property of the Postmaster-General.

The grounds on which the appeal was made were, as alleged by the prisoner, that his witnesses did not get a full hearing; that a re-examination which his counsel asked for was not granted, the detective officer being put up instead; that Mr. Panton, the Post Office inspector, stated that there was a fair man in the raid whose height was 5ft. 6in., and who was between dark and "mousey," and he (Hardy) could prove that Mr. Panton had picked out five or six other people as being like the man, and that when he (Hardy) was picked out he was only picked out as "being like the man."

Mr. Carrigan, K.C., who, with Mr. Bewley (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), appeared for the Attorney-General said that Hardy was defended at the trial by Mr. Felix Sharry, who was instructed by Mr. P. O'Brien, but he was not represented now.

Mr. O'Brien, Registrar, read a letter from the prisoner stating that he had no means to engage counsel to appear for him at the hearing of the appeal.

Mr. Carrigan said that it was difficult to find any grounds for appeal in the notice that had been lodged by the prisoner.

Mr. Justice O'Shaughnessy observed that he had read the summing up of Mr. Justice Sullivan, which was a singularly able one, not a point being omitted from his charge to the jury.

The Chief Justice said that the identification parade had been conducted in a thorough manner. There seemed to be no irregularity in the case, nor was there any exception taken to the judge's charge. He had never read a clearer charge, and nothing appeared to support the alleged reasons for appeal. The Court held that none of the grounds of appeal was borne out by the transcript of the evidence.

The appeal was dismissed.

RENT OF QUEEN'S COUNTY LANDS.

APPLICATION TO AMEND CLAIM.

(Before Mr. Justice Meredith.)

In the case of Palmer v. Palmer and others, an application was made on behalf of the plaintiff for an order giving him leave to amend his statement of claim in the action, which had been originally brought for ejectment, possession and rent in respect of certain lands situated in the townland of Derreen, Barony of Ossory, Queen's County. By the proposed amendment it was sought to sue only for the rent alleged to be due for 11½ years, amounting to £124 11s. 8d., abandoning the claim for ejectment and possession.

The application was strongly opposed on behalf of the defendants, on the ground that the proposed amendment would be contrary to the ordinary rules of pleading and procedure, having regard to the fact that the writ had been specially endorsed, and on other grounds.

It was stated that when the proceedings had been started the defendants sought to have the lands located and definitely specified, and the plaintiff replied that all that information would be given at the trial of the action. When the writ was issued, it appeared, it was alleged that the lands were held under a parole agreement, but it was now stated that they were held under a fee-farm grant, a fact which had been subsequently discovered.

An application had also been made in the case for interlocutory judgment; and, in addition to a general traverse, the Statute of Limitations had also been pleaded on behalf of the defendants.

Mr. Justice Meredith reserved judgment, stating that it was a very important matter, and he must deal with it very carefully.

Mr. Price, K.C., and Mr. Hungerford (instructed by Messrs. Kearney and Barrington) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Battersby, K.C., and Mr. Bartley (instructed by Mr. Samuel Kerr) for the defendants.

AN INSURANCE POLICY.

RETURN OF A BOOK DEMANDED.

Mr. A. E. Collins, K.C., sitting at the Kingstown District Court yesterday, adjourned a case in which Mrs. Mary Redmond, 36 Coldwell street, Kingstown, sued Patrick O'Reilly, assistant superintendent Prudential Assurance Company, 5 York terrace, Kingstown, for the return of a policy receipt book.

The plaintiff's case was that she had several policies with the Prudential Company. One of the policies lapsed, and she handed the receipt book to the defendant for the purpose of making it up. In a new book which was issued the defendant alleged that there were arrears due amounting to 17s. 6d., but in the old one the account was clear. She gave the book to an agent named Brady, who had since left the company, but the defendant was present at the time.

The defendant stated that, with Brady, he called on Mrs. Redmond to inspect the books. This book showed seven weeks' arrears, but Mrs. Redmond said that there was only one shilling due and would prove it by an old book. She looked for this book, but could not find it, and then said that she had given it to Mr. Brady some days previously.

CHARGE OF ACCEPTING MONEY.

DETECTIVE RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

In the Dublin District Court yesterday, Cornelius Mulvihill, a member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police Detective Force, was charged, in custody, with having, in May last, corruptly accepted a sum of money, alleged to be £50, from one, Henry Lipman, in violation of his duty as a constable.

Mr. Lipman appeared as witness, and swore that Mulvihill had called on him, and that he paid him £30 and £20. The accused man was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court, and was admitted to bail.

FATAL COLLISION.

LADY MOTORIST CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

At Kingstown District Court yesterday, before Mr. Collins, K.C., Mrs. Rebecca Browne, Engleburg, Mounttown, was charged with the manslaughter of Edward Glendon, 75 years of age, monumental sculptor, Kill o' the Grange, who died in Monkstown Hospital on Tuesday night, as the result of injuries sustained by being struck by a motor car at Mounttown on Monday night.

Mrs. Browne—I wish to say that it was unavoidable.

The case was adjourned for fourteen days.

An inquest was held later at Monkstown Hospital and a verdict of accidental death was returned, the jury expressing the opinion that Mrs. Browne had exercised sufficient care in the management of her car, and that in the conditions of the night it was impossible to avoid the accident.

THE BRUSSELS COMMERCIAL FAIR.

The sixth official International Commercial Fair will be opened in Brussels on March 25th next, and will continue until April 8th. The object of the Fair is to bring into direct contact buyer and producer, and business will be carried on by means of samples, models, drawings and photographs. The holding of the Brussels Fair is a commercial event of considerable importance to Irish manufacturers and producers. It will provide, not only the means of fostering direct trading with Belgium, but of acquainting the Belgian consumer with the possibilities of the Irish market as a source of supplies. All information regarding the Fair can be had at the office of the Belgian Consul-General in Dublin.

IRISH SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Branch of the Surveyors' Institution held yesterday at their offices, 110 Grafton street, Dublin—Mr. J. Graves Clayton (Chairman) presiding—correspondence with the Northern Ireland Committee was considered regarding the bill for compulsory purchase of unsold estates in Northern Ireland now re-introduced in the Imperial Parliament, and the question of amendments was discussed.

Applications from twenty candidates to sit for the professional examinations, March, 1925, were considered and approved, and a sub-committee was appointed to deal with some outstanding applications.

A resolution was adopted, proposed by Major Brunicardi, seconded by Mr. Power-Steele, congratulating Mr. Harry Lisney, F.S.I., of the Valuation Department, Ireland, on his success in obtaining through examination the Institution's special diploma in rating.

£475 DAMAGES IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

The hearing was concluded in the King's Bench Division of the Northern High Court yesterday, before Lord Justice Andrews and a special jury, of the action in which Mrs. Mary Gow, 17 Pomona avenue, Belfast, sought to recover damages from Sir Robert Kennedy, K.C., D.L., the Manor House, Cultra, for personal injuries sustained by the alleged negligence of the defendant's servant in the driving of a motor car, and also for damages for the death of her daughter, Lucy, on the same occasion.

The jury found for the plaintiff and awarded damages in respect of injuries to the plaintiff at £350, and in respect of Lucy Gow at £125.

His Lordship gave judgment accordingly.

CHOOSING YULETIDE GIFTS.

This is the season when we, with apparent carelessness, put all sorts of questions to our friends with the secret desire to learn what gift would be most acceptable to them. If we have an observant eye we can often learn, without asking subtle questions, what would make a welcome gift. For example, if we have relatives or friends who are obviously in a low state of health, have been overworking, or have just recovered from an exhausting illness, we could not do better than choose for a gift a few bottles of Hall's Wine. This would be a "gift of health," and one which would reflect perfectly the thoughtfulness of the giver. It would, by its great restorative effect, build up health so that its benefits would be felt long after Christmas had gone.—(Advt.)

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

FINAL DIVIDEND.

COMPENSATION TO DIRECTORS.

The last general meeting of the proprietors of the Midland Great Western Railway Company was held yesterday at the Broadstone Station for the purpose of receiving the directors' report, financial accounts and statistical returns for the half-year ended 30th June last, and to provide, with the consent of the proprietors, for payment of compensation, in accordance with the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924, to directors of the company who suffer loss by abolition of office.

A note of mourning and regret was struck by several of the shareholders at the passing of the company as a distinct entity on its being merged in the new Free State railway amalgamation.

Major H. C. Cusack, D.L., presided, and the other directors present were Sir Walter R. Nugent, Messrs. Arthur Jackson, M. McDonagh and Joseph Tatlow, with the Acting Secretary, Mr. Edward H. Taylor.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of what he described as their final report and statement of accounts for the six months ended 30th June last, said that from the 1st of July the undertaking had been carried on for, and on account of, the Amalgamated Company, which received the sanction of the Railway Tribunal on the 12th of November. Therefore, this was the last occasion on which the directors and proprietors would have the pleasure of meeting as independent shareholders of the Midland Company. The figures in the report, which the shareholders had in their hands, dealt with the lean half of the year. Traffic for goods and live-stock had been well maintained, notwithstanding the reduction in passenger receipts, which had been considerably depleted by the falling off in military and police carried as compared with other years, and the consequent falling off in the carriage of Government stores needed for their use.

The capital expenditure during the half-year amounted to £15,632, which included £4,092 spent on additional rolling stock, £5,565 for the purchase of improved plant and machinery, £2,515 for road motor vehicles, and £2,322 on account of hotels. This money had only been expended after careful consideration, and would, he believed, secure increased efficiency in working and add to the earning capacity of the railway.

RELAYING PLANT.

Additional rolling stock to the amount of about £9,500 had been provided in connection with Mr. Bretland's mechanical relaying plant, which had undergone a thorough trial under working conditions, and would certainly effect very considerable savings both in cost and time of future permanent way renewals, which formed so important an item of expenditure in railway accounts. "The invention is a most ingenious one," said the Chairman, "for which our engineer deserves the greatest credit, which must be shared by Mr. Morton, our chief locomotive engineer, who assisted in working out the mechanical details." (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman next referred to expenditure on char-à-bancs, which were required to re-establish the pre-war tourist traffic between Clifden and Westport, with an extension to the Mulranny Hotel. They had spent about £2,000 on hotel development, and the Galway Hotel was being so improved as to make it a first-class family and commercial hotel.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND.

The revenue account showed total traffic receipts amounting to £606,766 and expenditure £519,016, leaving a net balance of £87,750. This had to be adjusted by deductions and additions in respect of the canal, docks, hotels and miscellaneous; so that the net sum representing the profits of the half-year was brought out at £86,114. Having regard to all the circumstances, the directors felt justified in drawing on the Government compensation account in aid of dividends, to the extent of £22,000, which leaves a sum of £345,165 still standing to that account, which is invested partly in British 5 per cent. War Stock and partly in Free State National Loan. This operation, together with the balance carried in from the previous half-year, enabled the directors to pay an interim dividend on the Ordinary Stock for the six months to June last at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.

COMPENSATION TO DIRECTORS.

The amalgamations that were carried out as a result of the policy adopted by the Government and confirmed by the Railways Act would necessarily result in a number of the directors and officials of the old companies becoming redundant. The Act provided that compensation may be paid for loss of office in such cases, and specified the basis upon which the amounts were to be ascertained, so far as the officials were concerned. As regards directors, however, no indication of the sums to be paid was to be found in the Act, and it was left to the shareholders to decide what the amount of compensation should be. The directors who lose office are Mr. Huband Gregg, Mr. Martin McDonogh, and Mr. Tatlow; and he himself, whilst his colleagues had been good enough to nominate him as one of their representatives on the new Board, lost the advantage of the chairmanship which he had held for many years. The total sum which the directors propose should be allocated as compensation in these several instances was £7,385 15s., which he hoped the shareholders will consider reasonable and have no hesitation in confirming. It represented .11 per cent. on the capital of the company. In arriving at the amount they had had regard to the practice adopted under similar circumstances when the grouping of the British railways was carried out, when compensation representing from four to five years' fees was voted.

THE LATE MR. PERCY HAY.

In conclusion, the Chairman alluded in touching terms to the loss which the company had sustained by the death of their late Secretary, Mr. Percy Hay, who had been forty-one years in their service, during fourteen of which he was Secretary. He also expressed the cordial thanks of his colleagues on the Board, and his own, to the shareholders for the consistent support which they had all along received from the shareholders. They had maintained and developed the property of the company, and, while they regretted that State policy did not permit their continuing to carry on the Midland Great Western Railway as before, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the undertaking which now merged in the group that had been formed was in a greatly improved condition and did credit to them. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. A. Lloyd Blood said that, while this last meeting partook somewhat of the nature of a funeral gathering, the attendance was not worthy of the career and virtues of the deceased. (Laughter.) At any rate, some of them would not act as "mutes." They were all sorry to lose the services of the Chairman, who had all along been conspicuous for his courtesy to the shareholders. He should like to know how many years' purchase of the directors' fees the £7,385 to the directors represented.

The Chairman—It represents four years' fees.

Mr. Blood said that he and the Stockholders' Association considered that eminently reasonable. He presumed that the staff would be adequately compensated for loss of their employment.

Mr. R. J. Kelly, K.C., also paid his tribute to the Chairman and directors for their unvarying courtesy to all the shareholders. He reviewed the career of the Midland since it was opened in 1845 from Dublin to Mullingar and its extension in 1851 to Galway. They had done a great deal for the Western country, and they might have done more if they had taken up many subsidiary lines. But now the end had come, and the epitaph that might be placed on a stone outside the Broadstone Station, he suggested, should be—"*Hic jacet* the Midland Great Western Railway Company. May it rest in peace." (Laughter.)

Mr. J. J. Maguire said that it was a great humiliation to the company to have been absorbed by the amalgamated group. The prospect of the shareholders receiving a dividend in the future was remote while wages and other expenses were so outrageously high.

The Chairman, replying to the discussion, said that the compensation to the staff was provided for by the Act of Parliament. A large number of the officials were going over to the new company, and would not suffer in any way. (Hear, hear.) Their solicitor (Mr. White) would also go to the Kingsbridge establishment, and one of their auditors (Mr. Geoghegan) was going over to the new company. As to the question raised by Mr. Maguire, he thought it would do no good to discuss that at present. Everyone knew that wages were far too high, and he hoped that an adjustment would come in the near future. (Hear, hear.)

A shareholder suggested that the meetings of the new company should be held alternately at the Broadstone and Kingsbridge.

The Chairman—That is a matter for the new Board.

Sir Walter Nugent, deputy-chairman, seconded the motion for the adoption of the report, and it was passed without dissent.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Sir Walter Nugent, a resolution was passed ordering the payment of the several classes of dividends, as set forth in an advertisement in another column.

A resolution was also passed approving of the allocation of £7,385 15s. amongst the directors who cease to act as compensation for the abolition of their offices, and not as remuneration in respect of past services.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Blood, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman and directors for their services.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN, N.C. road, Thursday.—The market in point of numbers was a comparatively substantial gathering for this time of year, but considering the Christmas auspices of trade very few really prime finished animals were sent forward to fit the occasion. The cattle show, indeed, was of particularly rough character, and only on A1 stall-feds were previous rates fully maintained. Heifers commanded a preferential sale. The sheep and lamb trade varied little from last week in general characteristics of business and values. Naturally, the shipping fraternity were in smaller attendance, having drawn their principal requirements from here recently to fit cross-Channel Christmas markets. Their absence, therefore, gave a quieter tone to trade, and less buoyancy was reflected in prices generally.

	On sale this week	as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1923.	1922.
Cattle	5,219	decrease 208	4,198	4,218
Sheep	6,946	decrease 815	4,961	4,956
Veal calves .	11	increase 5	1	5

There was a very small proportion of prime finished cattle to draw upon of either out-fed or stall-fed character; the pick of these only realised previous full money—*viz.*, 52s. 6d. to 55s. for stall-feds, while a few super-grade figured up to 56s. and 68s.; in one case of eight pollys 60s. was recorded; these latter were of special outstanding merit. For best out-fed cattle prices were around 50s. to 52s. per cwt. It would be difficult to record rates for rougher and ordinary descriptions of bullocks and heifers, of which the market was chiefly composed, and for which there were few buyers; consequently much irregularity was evinced for these; prices for anything within the zone of usefulness may be written at 42s. 6d. to 48s. and 49s. per cwt. A considerable number of weedy classes probably could be bought at less money, but proved a negligible sale. Beef cows of good class were in fair demand. Several A1 fat qualities of suety quality, fitting local victuallers' requirements, were taken up at perhaps a little more money. For the best run of beef cows prices were again 40s. to 44s. per cwt., perhaps 45s. or a little more for special exhibits. Old and lean classes of cows anywhere from 30s. to 38s. per cwt., according to condition. Just 11 veal calves on farket. The few pure fed of these figured at, say, 10d. or 10½d. per lb., but the price per head of others would leave the value per lb. uncertain.

The sheep market also gave a rather disappointing proportion of really choice fat qualities, and these were quickly taken up at previous tip-top figures, especially those of the Cheviot description, also hoggets of the lamb class, the latter experiencing a particularly good inquiry for shipment. The prevalence of fluke and wet and cold season, it is well understood, has left sheep mostly in unthriving condition. Choice qualities of mutton 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d.; extra nice sorts up to 1s. 2½d. and 1s. 3d. per lb.; ordinary descriptions, say, 10d. to 12½d. per lb. Hoggets of the lamb class would figure from 45s. to 70s., and extra nice heavy sorts 75s. to 77s. 6d. per head.

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE, North Circular road.—There were just 246 exhibits of dairy cattle; trade, as with other branches of the live stock industry, was more or less neutralised by the near approach of Christmas holidays, and prices for the general descriptions of cows rather favoured buyers. Heifer milchers, however, although not strongly enquired for by shippers, nevertheless are maintaining previous values. Prices for choice heavy milchers from £30 to £36 apiece, and an occasional outstanding exhibit perhaps £1 or £2 per head more. The best average run of cows may be quoted as from £25 to £28 each, and others from £15 to £24 each. A number of cows failed to change ownership for one reason or another.

DUBLIN PIG, North Circular road.—There was a tolerably large market of pigs, viz., 1,210, being just 10 exhibits under last Thursday's gathering. The supply gave a fairly good selection of useful hogs, and there was a much keener trade for suitable porkers for Christmas requirements. Northern buyers also well represented, and in request of heavy bacon hogs, for which they paid up to 85/- and 90/- cwt., rather freely; in fact, prices for the best class of hogs showed a general appreciation of, say, 2/- to 5/- per cwt., these figuring from 85/- to 90/- generally. Useful classes of swine from 77/6 to 84/-, and coarser descriptions lower in proportion. Sow pigs, however, continue a disappointing and unremunerative sale.

BIRMINGHAM.—Supplies of pigs have dropped off somewhat, and trade is very firm at late rates. Sizeable bacons 16/6 per score deadweight, cutters 16/- to 16/6, generally the latter figure, and sows 11/6.

YORK.—Smaller entry of Irish store cattle, and only small proportion first class beasts. Trade remains depressed and slow, at about late rate. Very few English stores, and slow demand. Dairy cows a slow trade, and fall in prices only recovered for very best. Small show of sheep, and price slightly better than last week.

BRISTOL.—Beef in fair supply, best deadweight 100/- per cwt.; mutton and teas scarce, 17d. to 19d. per lb. About 500 store cattle; trade quiet at late rates. Milch cows £23 to £30, up to £44 for best.

HAY SPICE—One cwt. sufficient for 20 tons. Agent, W. Rourke, 36 North Circular road, Dublin. —(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—The Baltic.—WHEAT—Cargo market steady, with a moderate business in force. Steamer 6,900 tons Australian (bulk), expected to load first half March sold 64/3, bags 64/9, and the China Maru 35,298 qrs. No. 1 Northern Manitoba 14th Nov. bill of lading at 67/6; No. 1 Northern Manitoba Dec. sellers 69/-, No. 2 hard winter Jan. 64/6, white Pacific Jan. 64/-, Australian Jan.-Feb. 64/9, choice white Karachi Jan. 62/6, Rosafe (64lbs.) Jan.-Feb. 64/3. Parcels steadier; No. 1 Northern Manitoba Dec.-Jan. sold 66/9, Jan.-Feb. 66/9, No. 2 hard winter Jan. sellers 63/6, Australian Jan. 64/9, Rosafe (64lbs.) Jan.-Feb. 64/- per 480lbs. MAIZE quietly steady for cargoes; Plate steamers afloat sellers 45/6, Dec.-Jan. 46/-, Jan.-Feb. 47/6. Parcels in fair request; Plate Dec.-Jan. sold 45/10½ to 46/-, Jan.-Feb. 47/3 per 480lbs. BARLEY dull; cargo Dan.-Bess.-Kus. arrived sellers 42/6. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western Jan. sellers 41/-, No. 4 ditto 38/6, Karachi Dec.-Jan. 41/3 per 400lbs. OATS maintained; Plate f.a.q. afloat sellers 28/-, Jan.-Feb. 27/- per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—Lower quotations from America and the Argentine were reflected here at the outset, when forward deliveries of wheat gave way to a liberal extent for distant positions, but soon afterwards took an upward turn on private reports of rains in the Argentine. Prices hardened with but slight fluctuations. December especially improving considerably on shorts covering, showing a fair gain on the day. Owing to strong afternoon cables c.i.f. parcels of No. 1 Duluth last half December sold at 63/6, No. 2 hard winter January 63/9 to 64/-, due 62/9 to 62/10½; Rosario-Santa Fe afloat 63/6 to 64/-, and choice white Karachi May-June 59/10½ per quarter. C.i.f. parcels of MAIZE River Plate January-February sold at 47/3 to 47/1½ per quarter. Wheat on the spot firm and dearer. Maize spot parcels steady at 9/8 to 9/8½ for River Plate, 10/9 Russian, 10/10 per cental for Bessarabian. FLOUR firm at 1/- per sack advance. Graded wheat futures opened ½d. per cental lower for distant months, lost a further ½d., then moved upwards with but slight fluctuations, and closed ½d. to ¾d. dearer on the day, while December exceptionally showed 2½d. per cental advance. Maize options gave way ½d. to ¾d. per cental, but closed steady thereat.

MANCHESTER.—English wheat dearer, 56/6 to 57/- per quarter on rail; foreign also advanced and steady. Maize firm; River Plate spot 10/- per cental. Oats about unchanged; English 9/3 to 9/6 per cwt. on rail. Beans steady. English feeding barley rather firmer. Flour—Straight run dearer on the week. Market will be closed over the next fortnight.

BRISTOL.—English wheat fair supplies, 54/- to 57/-; foreign more business passing. No. 1 Northern Manitobas 72/6 to 73/-. Maize steady; 6d. dearer. Grinding barley firm; 1/- to 2/- dearer. Oats firm; 6d. higher.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—Irish and and Danish BACON is again firmly held at late rates, but the demand is of only a moderate character. Canadian Wiltshires in small compass, and firm at recent currencies. American selections of bacon here again attract little attention, but singed Wiltshires are unchanged in value, though Cumberlands generally are easier at 84/- to 92/- for light weights and 90/- to 95/- for heavier averages, with long clears, backs, and bellies still nominal in the absence of offerings. HAMS quiet, but extra skinned from relative scarcity are the turn dearer for best brands at 100/- to 105/- per cwt. Shoulders steady for squares and New Yorks, but little business doing, picnics being again scarce and nominal. LARD on the spot in only moderate demand at late rates for American refined, but prime steam 6d. easier at 87/- to 88/- per cwt. CHEESE firm, at higher prices; Canadian now held at 97/- to 99/- and New Zealand 97/- to 98/- per cwt., the premium being on white makes. BUTTER easier at 248/- to 250/- for Danish owing to lower prices from Copenhagen, but other makes steady and unaltered. EGGS still quiet at 23/- to 26/- for Irish.

LIVERPOOL REFINED LARD "FUTURES."—Chicago finished better than expected, but with sellers more plentiful during the early session prices gave way about 6d. to 1/- per cwt.; January sold at 86/6 to 86/-, March 87/-, May 88/- to 87/9, September 89/6 to 89/3, December quoted 85/6 to 86/3 per cwt. With better afternoon cables prices recovered somewhat, closing unchanged to 6d. lower on the day; September sold 89/6, January quoted 86/3 to 86/6, March 87/3 to 87/6, May 88/3 to 88/6 per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE. — Fair general supply of vegetables on market, but cauliflowers or broccoli rather scarce. Sales well supported. Broccoli, 2/6 to 3/9 and 5/3 per doz.; one special choice consignment went 6/3 per doz. York cabbage, 28/- to 50/- and 68/- per load; Savoy ditto, 30/- to 67/-; swedes, 1/9 to 2/- per cwt.; carrots, 8d. to 10d. per doz. bundles; turnips, 4d. to 6d. and 8d. per bundle; thyme, 4d. to 9d. per bunch; sage, 3d. to 4d.

DUBLIN POTATO. — Supplies of potatoes keep liberal, and much in excess of trade practicable. In fact, demand is poor. Prime standard quality potatoes, 8/- to 8/6 per cwt. Inferior less.

CORK BUTTER.—The market has undergone no change. Creameries 216/- per cwt., choicest salted 215/-, farmers' fresh lumps 163/-.

COPENHAGEN BUTTER.—Copenhagen weekly butter quotation 600 kroner per 100 kilos, approximately £11 5/1 per cwt., a decrease of 4/3 on the previous week.

DUBLIN FISH. — Herrings a veritable glut, and a bad sale for the 400 packages forward. Only a small arrival of hook and trawl fish from local and country sources, which sold satisfactorily. Turbot, 1/- to 15/-, 20/- average, and one from Ringsend boat 30/-; best soles, 25/- to 32/6 per 9 pairs; mediums, 15/- to 20/-; slips, 10/- to 12/6 per 9 pairs; plaice, 30/- to 55/- and 60/- per half box; codfish, 40/- to 60/-; ray, 10/- to 20/-; mackerel, 18/- to 20/- per box; country herrings, 10/- to 20/- per box, and 25/- per barrel, average; local herrings, 15/- to 25/-, and a few special lots 30/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Supply liberal; demand moderate. Soles 1/6 to 1/8, slips 1/1 to 1/6 per lb; live eels 35/- to 40/-, dead 20/- to 35/- per draught; turbot 16/- to 19/-, brill 11/- to 13/-, halibut 14/- to 20/-, lemon soles 14/- to 20/-, plaice 8/- to 13/-, witches 6/- to 8/-, cod 5/- to 8/-, whiting 3/- to 5/-, hake 8/- to 11/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 7/- to 8/- per stone.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Beef steady; Scotch sides (long) 7/4 to 8/-, ditto short 8/- to 9/-, English ditto 5/10 to 7/-. Mutton quiet; Scotch tegs 9/4 to 10/-, wethers 8/6 to 9/4, English tegs 9/- to 9/8, wethers 7/4 to 9/-; imported frozen 4/8 to 8/4. Lamb steady; Scotch Hill 8/- to 10/-.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR.—Refined market quiet, and British makes reduced 1/- per cwt., except for icing descriptions, which remained unaltered. Tates and Lyles cubes quoted 36/9 to 37/9, crushed 35/3, granulated fine, also coarse 33/4½; No. 1 33/1½, London, also T.L.S. and No. 2 ditto 32/10½, month forward 32/9, and yellow crystals spot 30/4½. Imported dull and trend of values easier. Dutch, also Czecho granulated sellers 30/9; white Java, also Mauritius 30/6. Czecho ready sellers 17/6, January-March 17/9 f.o.b. Hamburg. Dutch December 17/6 f.o.b. Rotterdam raw kinds dull of sale. White terminal easier, but a fair business was recorded; December sold 16/10½, March 17/1½, May 17/6, August 17/6 per cwt. COFFEE—Spot market steady, and all the finer liquoring grades in limited supply. COCOA—Spot quiet at late rates; Accra F/F quality January-March sold 41/-, f.o.b. terms.

TEA—In auction, 4,800 packages; Java and Sumatra offered and met with fair competition. Steady prices were realised for all fine qualities, but inferior kinds tended in buyers' favour. Pekoe sold 1/6¼ to 1/8½, broken ditto 1/3½ to 1/9, orange Pekoe 1/6½ to 1/9½, broken ditto 1/7 to 1/9¼, Pekoe Souchong 1/6¼ to 1/7¼, with flowery broken orange Pekoe Sumatra 2/2½ per lb. in bond. RICE steady, but demand does not improve; Two stars spot quoted 18/-. Spanish, also Italian, moves off quietly at late rates. Japanese peas spot 25/- per cwt. Beans unaltered. SPICE—Pepper quietly steady; black Singapore L.S. January-March quoted 5½d., Lampong ditto 5¼d., Muntok January-March sellers 10½d., March-May 10¾d. Zanzibar cloves October-December quoted 11¼d., January-March 11d. per lb. Tapioca dull, unaltered. Sago flour January-March 16/6 per cwt. JUTE—Market steadier, with buyers more in evidence. Firsts to Continent December-January quoted £37 10/-, January-February, also Feb.-March, £36 15/- per ton. Hessians and twills quiet, at about late rates. HEMP—Manila quietly steady; J grade December-February buyers £52 10/-, K ditto £51 10/-, L £50 10/-, and M £49 10/- per ton. New Zealand dull and largely nominal. African sisal quiet and unaltered. SHELLAC dull; T.N. Spot 315/- to 320/-, and March 285/- per cwt. COPRA quiet and easier; F.M.S. Straits to Rotterdam December-February quoted £30 5/-, January-March £30 5/-; Dutch E.I. ditto £30, Ceylon December-January £32, South Sea F.M.S. £29 15/-. PALM KERNELS to Liverpool January-March £22 17/6 per ton.

RUBBER was accorded steady support, and market firmer; Plantation standard crepe and sheet spot, also December, sold 1/6⅝ to 1/6¾, January 1/6⅞ to 1/7, January-March 1/6⅞ to 1/7, April-June 1/6⅞ to 1/6⅞ per lb. Wild sorts quiet.

OILS—Linseed opened easier, but improved later on buyers becoming more prominent; spot quoted 48/-, Jan.-April sold 47/3 to 47/4½, May-August 47/3 to 47/6. Cotton firm; crude spot Egyptian 47/-, Bombay 45/-. Rape—Crude spot 51/6, refined 54/6. Castor dull; first pressure spot Hull 70/-, seconds 64/-, and pharmaceutical 75/-. Turpentine dearer; American spot 60/-, Jan.-April 61/3. Rosin firm; American grade B 16/6, F/G 16/9, N 17/6, W/G 19/6, W/W 21/6 per cwt. TALLOW—Shipments from Australasia during Nov. amounted to 3,500 tons. OILSEEDS—Linseed market quietly steady; Calcutta Dec.-Jan. quoted £23 15/-, April-May £24, Plate to Hull Dec.-Jan. £22 2/6, Jan.-Feb. £22 2/6. Rapeseed quiet; Toria afloat to Continent quoted £22 10/-, Dec.-Jan. £21 17/6, real bold Ferozepore Nov.-Dec. £21 15/-. Cottonseed steady, quiet; Egyptian black to Hull Dec.-Jan. quoted £13 8/9, white £12 17/6, and Bombay Jan.-Feb. £11 per ton.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—No improvement to report in market, recent arrivals not moving off very rapidly, buyers being rather shy. Prices irregular and tendency lower.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRADFORD WOOL.—Decline in cross-bred wool at Wellington has reduced business in Bradford to a minimum. Prices are not being tested, but all qualities could be purchased cheaper, and concessions of at least 1d. from highest point could be obtained. Topmakers are booked well ahead in medium and coarse crossbreds, but secondhand lots are available.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing).—American market continues quiet. Brazilian quotations raised 9 points. East Indian unchanged. Egyptian limited business. American futures—December 13.08d., January 13.11d., February 13.12d., March 13.19d., April 13.22d., May 13.29d. Sales 4,000 bales. Imports 22,806 bales. Market barely steady.

GLASGOW IRON.—Copper and brass tubes advanced ½d. per lb., seamless copper tubes priced at 1/1½ per lb. basis; brased copper tubes 1/1½ per lb. basis; yellow metal plates advanced ½d. per lb. It is reported that four Scotch iron furnaces are going out of blast. The feeling is that the worst is over in the Scotch steel industry.

MANCHESTER HAY AND STRAW.—On Produce Echange steady feeling reported both hay and straw. Demand fairly well up to average. General quotations:—Lincolnshire rye grass and clover £5 10/- to £5 15/-, Cheshire £5 5/-, meadow hay £4 15/-; wheat straw 70/-, oat straw 75/- per ton, all delivered Manchester.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

PRICES LOWER.

The market for TIN ruled easier on selling pressure, but offerings were fairly well absorbed on balance; both cash and forward registered a decline of 20/- per ton compared with previous close. Standard cash quoted £259 10/- to £259 15/-, three months £263 to £263 5/-, settlement price £259 15/-. 700 tons changed hands; cash at £259 10/- to £259 15/-, with three months fluctuating between £262 10/- to £263 5/-; English ingots £260 to £261. COPPER in good support, but prices 2/6 per ton lower on balance; standard cash quoted £65 10/- to £65 12/6, three months £66 12/6 to £66 15/-, settlement price £65 12/6. Sales 1,500 tons; cash at £65 17/6 to £65 16/3 and £65 11/3, three months £67 to £66 13/9; electros £70 to £70 10/-, wire bars £70 10/-. LEAD irregular, with dealings on a small scale. Sales 900 tons; good soft foreign pig Dec. £42 5/-, Jan. £41 10/- to £41 7/6, Feb. £40 10/- to £40 12/6, March £39 12/6 to £39 10/-, settlement price £42 5/-; English £43 15/-. SPELTER steady, and a good business done, including Jan. at £37 1/3 to £37, and finally £37 1/3, Feb. £37 to £37 2/6, March £36 17/6 to £36 18/9, April £36 12/6 to £36 15/-; settlement price £37 5/- per ton. TINPLATES, also QUICKSILVER, unaltered.

BELFAST LINEN TRADE.

THE FLAX POSITION.

The official report issued by the Belfast linen trade for the past fortnight states that the Irish flax markets have been fairly well supplied. The quality of the flax and yield are disappointing. On the Continent more flax is being offered, and all has been bought up. Value remains steady, except for better grades, which is against buyers. Russian flax and Latvian flax, owing to a more favourable exchange, has been sold at about £2 below last ruling rates. Any buying here, however, is of very moderate dimensions. Esthonian flax can also be done at a few pounds less, but the political trouble in that country is given out as the cause of the quieter tone. Soviet flax is slightly dearer again, and some descriptions are actually marked up.

Yarns—There has been no outstanding feature in business in yarns during the past fortnight. The general attitude may be described as "wait and see." Spinners are still well supplied with orders, and weavers are fairly well covered for cloth orders in hand. Good quality warps meet with some inquiry, but medium counts of weft lines and finer counts of tows are slow of sale, even at unremunerative prices. The tendency of foreign spinnings is to slightly higher prices.

Manufacturers have been busy quoting prices, and quite a number of scattered orders have been secured. There is a holiday feeling about, and, whilst manufacturers would welcome more business, a general movement is not expected until the turn of the year. Most merchant houses are busy getting out the season's shipments before closing down for the holidays.

During the past fortnight some fairly substantial orders have been placed for coloured dress linen for January-February delivery. Repeat orders for quantity, however, are not expected until after the new year. Shipments are going forward steadily, and every effort is being made to keep up to delivery dates specified by customers abroad.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES.

SYDNEY, Thursday.

At the final wool sale of the year held here 7,342 bales were offered, of which 6,757 were sold. Private sales amounted to 692 bales. There was an average selection. Competition was keen, prices in nearly all descriptions being in sellers' favour, and there was a good clearance of merinos, come-backs, and cross-breds, Japanese and Germans bidding freely. Bradford's competition was fair. Greasy merino reached 41½d.

STORE CATTLE SALE.

MESSRS. R. AND J. WILKINSON.

There was a good enquiry for store cattle, and better classes made somewhat more money than of late. The general run of quality was only moderate, but with a steady demand a good clearance was made. Some good lots of A.A. crosses and Hereford crosses made top prices—viz., £22 (50/-), £21 10/- (50/6), £20 15/- (47/-), £16 15/- (46/-), £14 12/6 (45/-). Polly bullocks went up to £23 5/- (46/-), with other lots at £19 17/6, £18 10/-, £18 2/6 (45/- to 42/6) per cwt., £17 (40/6), etc. No store cattle sale next week. Next sale, Thursday, 1st January, 1925.

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ELECTRICITY FROM THE LIFFEY.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST SCHEMES.

The fifteenth sitting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Private Bills was held yesterday, Senator S. L. Brown, K.C., presiding.

E. J. Phelps, K.C., who (with Mr. Kingsmill Moore) appeared for Colonel Richard Claude Cane, addressed the Committee in opposition to the Dublin Electricity Supply Bill. He said that it would be against public policy that any company should be given power to acquire compulsorily public property, which the promoters themselves admitted they may never want. Engineers always seemed to have the habit of pitching on beauty spots for their schemes, and now they had pitched on Poulaphouca and Golden Falls. The fisheries would be ruined at Poulaphouca no matter what dam was put up. They could not construct a dam by which the fish could get up; therefore if they put a dam it would be an illegal construction.

Counsel could see no answer to a prosecution by any man—he need not be a fishery owner at all; a common informer could prosecute—for the stoppage of the passage of salmon. It would be wrong in law and against public policy to pass this bill.

Colonel Claude Cane was then examined. He said that private interests should not be allowed to stand in the way of the public interests. He was as interested in the fishing industry generally as he was in his own private interests.

RINGSEND FISHERMEN.

Dr. Leeper, Chairman of the Dublin Board of Fishery Conservators, said that they were opposed to the construction of the contemplated dams. The salmon fishing of the Liffey was improving at present and the prospects were good; but if any of these schemes were passed it would mean the end of salmon fishing in the Liffey. Some 220 Ringsend fishermen depended for a livelihood on salmon fishing in the Liffey.

Major Edward Connolly, of Castletown, said that the residents of his district felt very much, indeed, the loss of such places as Leixlip Castle. He was the holder of the Castle and was very proud of it. He believed that it was from Leixlip Castle that King John gave the charter to the City of Dublin. He agreed with Colonel Claude Cane that these dams, if erected, would destroy the salmon fishing.

KILDARE VIEWS.

Mr. Monks then addressed the Committee for Kildare County Council. He said, as regarded the Dublin Electricity Bill, they were forced to the conclusion that it did not consider them at all as favourably as the East Leinster Bill. The various witnesses of the latter bill had told them that they would meet them in various ways, and they had given them information as to prices and so forth.

It did not appear whether any power would be supplied by Sir John Griffith's scheme to the County Kildare. He suggested that the present bill should either include the whole area or give his clients power from one of the reservoirs at a price which they could pay.

The Chairman—You are more in favour of the Corporation Bill, or are your objections to all the bills the same?

Mr. Monks—Practically the same.

"THE PREVAILING OPTIMISM."

Mr. P. O. C. White submitted a communication from Herr Bucchi referring to his evidence, and stating that he thought he did not sufficiently emphasise that, as he was acting for the Corporation, he had taken the highest figures of cost. One, that of labour, he believed would ultimately come down, and would be 20 per cent. less than the figure he had stated. The cost per unit would be less.

The Chairman—I think he has caught the prevailing optimism.

The Committee adjourned to a date to be fixed in the new year.

CAROLS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday afternoon in St. Patrick's Cathedral Christmas carols will be sung at Evensong (3.15 p.m.), instead of anthems, and on Christmas Eve the usual Carol Service will be at 4 p.m.

A wide and varied selection will be rendered on both occasions. The following will be sung on Sunday:—"In the bleak midwinter," "When the crimson sun had set," "A virgin unspotted," "Remember God's goodness," and two heard for the first time last year—Gustav von Holst's beautiful setting of "A dream of Christmas" and "I saw three ships."

The selection for Christmas Eve will include—"Good King Wenceslas," "Over the hills," "The cherry tree carol," "The holly and the ivy," "The Master's garden," and two new carols—"The Twelve Apostles," an old traditional Sussex tune, arranged by Vaughan Williams, and "How far is it to Bethlehem?" by Geoffrey Shaw.

The offerings at the latter Service will be for the Choir Superannuation Fund.

THE CELTIC'S NEXT CALL AT QUEENSTOWN.

The White Star steamer Celtic, with passengers and despatches from New York, *en route* for Liverpool, *via* Queenstown, was reported by Marconi at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday to be 946 miles west of the Fastnet. She is due to arrive at Queenstown at 4 a.m. on Sunday.

NEEDS OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

THE FUTURE OF BELFAST.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S CONFIDENT REPORT.

In the course of his report presented to the Senate of Queen's University, Belfast, yesterday, the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. R. W. Livingstone) said that the total number of students in 1923-24 was 1,077—excluding 174 elementary teachers attending classes in education. There were 120 fewer students in the faculty of medicine, which had been abnormally swollen by ex-Service candidates. There was also a fall in teachers in training reading for a degree. In every other faculty except science there were increases, and the students of law doubled.

Dealing with the financial position of the University, the Vice-Chancellor remarked, "We have a markedly smaller income than any British university and more students than several. We alone receive no direct subvention from the rates, and we alone bear the burden of providing scholarships, which in England and Scotland is borne almost entirely by local authorities. The statistics prove that we are doing more work for less money than any university in Britain."

BIGGER GRANTS REQUIRED.

The grants to the departments, especially in science and medicine—and the library—greatly needed increasing. At present, for example, the anatomy department needed an epidiascope to exhibit specimens and slides. The need for a lectureship in classical archæology had already been before the Senate. A lectureship in psychology would touch their studies in philosophy, medicine, education—apart from the importance to an industrial community of certain aspects of this subject. It was also very desirable further to strengthen the departments of chemistry and history.

On a much larger scale was the need for a chemistry building, of which the estimated cost for building and equipment is £100,000. Finally, they needed residential halls for men. They were worse off in this respect than any of the newer universities.

"UNIVERSITY OF A PEOPLE."

"Bad trade, political uncertainties, the financial consequences of the war, the large outlay for other educational purposes, are against these larger schemes," the Vice-Chancellor concluded. "That there is a great future before the university I have no doubt. A world which daily grows more complex, and is ever more ruled by knowledge, will need increasingly, in business, administration, politics, and education, the wares which universities produce.

"We, if poorer than our contemporaries in England, have our advantages over them. Self-government and our new Education Bill are, in different ways, powerful stimuli to intellectual life. We have raw material which it would be difficult to equal. When the qualities of character and brain, which have made Belfast, are increasingly turned to intellectual interests, they will, I believe, be equally effective in that field. We have this great advantage, that we are, in a peculiar sense, the university of a people."

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

BIG SUM TO BE SPENT ON THE ROADS.

Mr. P. J. Connolly presided at yesterday's meeting of the Dublin County Council.

The Secretary (Mr. Lawless) said that the question of the roads would have to be tackled, and, at the same time, they were urged to be economical. This year a very large sum would have to be expended on the roads. It was proposed to expend a sum of £10,200 over five years on the road between Dublin and Howth, the money to be raised by way of a loan.

The Chairman said that it looked a huge amount, but in the long run it would tend towards economy, as the roads would not require further attention for at least eight years. The cost of repayment would be less than would be paid by tinkering with the roads.

Mr. Caffrey said that this would only deal with a small portion of the rural districts.

The proposal to apply for a loan for this purpose was adopted.

The estimate of Messrs. J. F. Keating and Sons, amounting to £718 10s., for the rebuilding of Rathfarnham Courthouse was adopted.

Mr. Thomas F. McMahon, 10 Lomond avenue, Fairview, was elected Assistant County Surveyor.

SECONDARY TEACHERS.

CALL FOR DR. MacNEILL'S RESIGNATION.

The Kildare branch of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, has adopted a resolution declaring that they "hold the existing Government, and particularly the present Minister of Education, responsible for a state of suppressed agitation and unrest amongst the secondary teachers, which is now militating against effectiveness in education"; suggesting that the Minister for Education, "owing to his inclusion in the Boundary and other Commissions, has no time to devote to the serious matters belonging to his particular Department, and so has made no effort to carry out his promises with regard to the salaries and pension scheme for secondary teachers." A second resolution demands that the Government "relieve Mr. Eoin MacNeill of his portfolio."

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DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

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CARLISLE UNION DANCE.—The Carlisle Athletic Union announce that the sixth grand all-night carnival dance will be held on December 23 at the Metropole ballroom. The great fox-trot competition will be held, and two cups are being awarded.

PALMERSTOWN LICENSING CASE.—At the Lucan District Court yesterday before Mr. E. J. Little, Mr. James Baker, Palmerstown, was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws on Sunday, the 30th November. Three men was found on the premises at 10.10 p.m. who were not *bona-fide* travellers. A fine of £1 and costs was imposed.

SANITARY PROSECUTIONS.—For failing to comply with sanitary notices for the abatement of nuisances, fines and costs were imposed in the Dublin District Court on the following persons:—John Hayden, 34 Lower Dominick street; Catherine Donegan, 5 Verschoyle court; Michael Judd, 17 Hendrick street; and Mark White, 17 Victoria street. Orders of abatement were made in a number of cases.

THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.—Commencing from the new year the sole contract for advertising in the Post Office telephone directory will be in the hands of Messrs. Kenny's Advertising Agency, 65 Middle Abbey street, Dublin. The same firm has booked up all the available advertising space on the backs of some millions of the Post Office telegram forms. These forms will be in circulation shortly.

THE MISTLETOE DANCE.—The Mistletoe Dance, which is to be held at the Metropole Ballroom on Monday, 29th December, promises to be one of the most successful Cinderellas of the season. The entire proceeds of this dance, which is under the able direction of Miss [illegible] Lee, will be handed over to the Christian Brothers to help to swell the building fund for the much-needed extension to their schools in North Brunswick street.

FATHER MATHEW HALL.—Something novel is promised in the pantomime to be produced at the Father Mathew Hall during the Christmas holidays. The exciting adventures of a wandering Irishman in a mysterious island called "Helloland" justify the title, "A-lad-in-Helloland." As the name subtly indicates, the aim is to provide a healthy and original pantomime based on the older types. Native talent is responsible for the production.

DUBLIN BABIES' CLUBS.—At the meeting of the Babies' Clubs Committee held in Dublin a resolution of regret was passed on the death of Mrs. Poë, and the Committee expressed their sense of the deep loss sustained by the St. Anthony's Baby Club, in which she worked so devotedly for eleven years. The Marchioness of Aberdeen wrote associating herself in a very special way with the resolution to convey deep sympathy with Captain Poë and his family in their irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. Poë. The attendances at the clubs for the month were as follow:—Mothers, 1,783; infants, 1,043; children, 1,345.

CONCERT AT THE ABBEY LECTURE HALL.—The concert given in the Abbey Lecture Hall, Dublin, last night, by the pupils of Miss Petite O'Hara was musically interesting if for no other reason than that it showed the material that there is in the city for building up orchestral music. The orchestra of thirty instruments, consisting principally of strings, conducted by Miss O'Hara, gave nice renderings of the overture to "Son and Stranger," "Pomp and Circumstance," and the prelude to "Le Deluge." There were, in addition, several instrumental solos, notably that by Miss Eileen Leeming, who, although only a youngster, is a very accomplished flautist.

THE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION'S "SMOKER."—The Engineering and Scientific Association of Ireland kept up an old social custom in the holding of their annual smoking concert, brought off with great success at the Metropole, Dublin, last night. As usual, it was a very jolly and enjoyable function for the company of close on one hundred. Mr. G. F. Pilditch, Vice-President, was in the chair, and among those who contributed to the concert entertainment were Messrs. Leonard Braid, W. Rathborne, J. G. Aston, E. Malley, W. Clarke, Irvine Lynch, Wilson Kelly, A. Jackson, W. Selfe. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. A. E. Porte, hon. secretary of the Association.

NIGHT SHELTER FOR MEN.—On Sunday next, at 4 p.m., in the Dublin Mansion House, a public meeting will be held in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter for Homeless Catholic Men at Back lane. Since it was opened thirteen years ago the Shelter has afforded assistance to respectable men faced with the necessity of spending the night in the open. For the current year the total admissions amount to 37,264, as against 32,196 in 1923. The number of free meals supplied this year was 74,340, as compared with 60.150 last year. The Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin, will preside at Sunday's meeting.

DUBLIN MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the General Committee of the Dublin Mercantile Association was held at 3 Burgh quay, on Thursday, Mr. William Field, P.C. (President), in the chair. Nominations and elections were before the meeting, bringing the membership up to the highest point reached in the history of the Association. In accordance with the expressed views of traders in the city, the offices of the Association will be closed from one o'clock on Christmas Eve until the following Monday morning.

BELVEDERE UNION DRAMATIC SOCIETY. — The first appearance of the dramatic society attached to the Belvedere College Union, at the college, last night, proved a success, and the presentation of two well-known Abbey plays, "Meadowsweet" and "The Rising of the Moon," was followed with interest by a large audience. The society is to be congratulated on the talent which it possesses. The cast in "Meadowsweet" included Miss Day, J. Geary, M. Scott and T. O'Connell. Lady Gregory's playlet was entrusted to B. Holden, G. Burgess, N. Murray and W. Fitzgerald. During the intervals musical items were contributed by Messrs. J. Doyle, Redmond and Whittaker.

INFANT AID SOCIETY.—At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Infant Aid Society at the Public Health Office, Municipal Buildings, Dublin, on Tuesday—Mr. J. J. Nagle in the chair—it was reported that the nurses paid 3,597 visits and the voluntary visitors 1,005 visits. There were 4,786 quarts of milk distributed free and 2,204 quarts sold at a reduced price. A report on a scheme for supplying bottled milk in the depôts was presented and adopted. The Society has been enabled to put the scheme into operation by the kindness of Mr. K. J. Beardwood, the Dublin representative of the United Glass Bottle Manufacturers, Ltd., who arranged to supply the Society with the bottles and seals at a very small cost. The following relief was also distributed:—314 free dinners, 56 garments, 83lb. Glaxo dried milk, 137 tins Nestlé's milk, and 413 cases received Virol, emulsion, oils, etc.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.—At the annual general meeting of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland at No. 8 Merrion square, Dublin, the President, Mr. G. P. Sheridan, F.R.I.A.I., referred to the death of Mr. James Franklin Fuller, formerly a Fellow of the Institute, and a vote of condolence to his relatives was passed in silence. Mr. Fuller occupied a very prominent position in the architectural profession in Ireland, and was greatly esteemed both for his ability and character. Mr. W. H. Howard Cooke and Mr. G. L. O'Connor were appointed honorary auditors for the coming year. Mr. C. J. MacCarthy has been elected as an honorary member in recognition of his long and valued services to architecture during the tenure of his office as City Architect of Dublin. The newly appointed honorary officers for the coming session are Messrs. J. J. Robinson, honorary secretary, and C. H. Mitchell, honorary treasurer.

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DEPARTURES:—Miss Ferrar, Miss Spofforth, T. Oliver, J. Warburton, P. Beattie, J. Flynn, Prof. McAllister, T. Dowling, W. J. McMillan, Dr. Donelan, Master Leonard Shanley, Dr. McKeag, J. H. Parker, C. Murray, E. A. Rice, W. Butler, C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, W. Babinson, J. Banks, T. Stevens, J. A. Kelly, A. D. Seabrooke.

LEINSTER.

£3,000 PAID FOR POULTRY. — The Ferns "Cowerford" Poultry Market was the largest that has been held for many years. About £3,000 changed hands during the day.

HIGHER PORK PRICES.—The price of fat pigs was 83s. per cwt. at Thomastown Fig Market, an increase of 3s. per cwt. on that of the previous week.

EGG PRICES FALLING.—At the Gorey markets eggs were 1s. 9d. per doz.—a fall of 6d. per doz. in a week; pigs, 62s. per cwt.; chickens, 10d. per lb.; geese, 7d. per lb.; turkeys, 10d.; butter, 1s. 8d.; potatoes, 14s. per barrel; oats, 12s. per barrel.

DOG AS FIRE ALARM.—James Healion, a farmer, living near Tullamore, was given a decree for £108 for the malicious burning of his hay and straw, told the Judge at the Tullamore Circuit Court that he was roused in the early hours of the morning by the barking of a dog, and saw his hay on fire.

WINDOW BROKEN BY BULLETS.—Chas. Duggan, draper, Tullamore, had the plate glass window in his establishment broken by bullets during an attack on the military barrack on 29th March, 1923. He was allowed £27 10s. at the Tullamore Circuit Court.

PERSONAL POPULARITY VALUELESS.—The Representative Church Body were granted decrees amounting to £17 10s. at the Tullamore Circuit Court for damage in April, 1922, and February, 1923, to plate-glass windows protecting the stained glass in St. Catherine's Church, Tullamore. Dean Craig said that he thought the damage might have been caused by stones fired from a catapult. When Mr. Rogers, State Solicitor, spoke of the Dean's personal popularity, Judge Wakely observed that personal popularity is not worth a rap in times like these, and does not prevent the destruction of people's property.

MUNSTER.

HAY-BURNING IN KERRY.—Sixty tons of hay, the property of Ed. Somers, farmer, Ballinacarrig, Causeway, North Kerry, have been destroyed by fire. The hay was insured.

CIVIC GUARD OFFICERS TRANSFERRED.—Inspector Loftus Smith, of the Civic Guard, after a service of a year and a half in the district, has left Listowel on transfer to Castlepollard, and is replaced by Superintendent J. J. Keenan from the Depôt.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

NORTHERN CURFEW SUSPENDED.—The Northern Ministry of Home Affairs has suspended Curfew from midnight on Wednesday, 24th December, 1924, until midnight on Saturday, 3rd January, 1925.

REVOLVER WITHOUT A PERMIT.—Patrick McCormick, 43 Foundary street, Belfast, was remanded at Belfast Custody Court yesterday, charged with having a revolver without a permit. He declared that he found the revolver in Victoria Park about three months ago while out walking.

TIRED OF LIFE.—"I am tired of life, so I just walked down the steps into the water." This is the statement made by a man who was rescued from the Lagan, in the vicinity of Queen's Bridge, Belfast, on Wednesday evening. The man was removed to hospital in a critical condition, but is now progressing favourably.

NEW BELFAST TRAMWAY ROUTE.—An important addition to the Belfast tramway system was inaugurated yesterday, when Chichester street was opened as a tramway route, the services between Bloomfield and Springfield road, and between Ravenhill road and Donegall road being worked along that thoroughfare, instead of going round by Castle Junction and High street.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY EXHIBITION.—On Wednesday and yesterday a domestic economy exhibition was held in the Derry Municipal Technical School, and was visited by large numbers of citizens, who were greatly interested in the exhibits, which included dressmaking, needlework, cookery and housewifery, which are in charge of Mrs. Heatley, Mrs. R. Love and Miss Margaret Wallace. A visit was paid by Miss Jackson, Inspector for the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education, who expressed herself highly pleased with the exhibits, and congratulated the instructresses on the work of their students.

SON CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON FATHER.—In the Armagh County Infirmary yesterday, Thomas Steenson, asylum attendant, was charged with seriously assaulting his father, Alexander Steenson, an employé of Armagh City Council, at his house, Folly Gate Lodge, on Wednesday night. The father stated that his son came to the house looking for his sister. She ran out and the accused went to the kitchen, where the witness was sitting, and kicked him in the body and jumped on him. As the injured man's life was not certified out of danger, the accused was remanded in custody for a week.

CORPORATION APPOINTMENTS.—The General Purposes Committee of the Belfast Corporation yesterday recommended Councillor William M'Cartney, J.P., and the Town Clerk as the Corporation representatives on the General Council of Ulster Municipal Authorities; Councillor Miss M'Comb as their representative on the Belfast Council on Social Welfare, and Alderman Sir C. M'Cullagh, M.P., and Councillor English on the Council of the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society.

IMPERIAL SECRETARY BEREAVED.—The Imperial Secretary in Belfast, Mr. S. G. Tallents, C.B., has suffered a bereavement by the death on Wednesday of his father, Mr. George William Tallents, barrister-at-law, Warwick square, London, at the age of 68. He was an Alderman of the Westminster City Council, and served the office of Mayor in 1906-1907. He married in 1883 the Hon. Mildred Sophia Cubitt, sister of Lord Ashcombe, and had three sons and two daughters.

P. AND O. CHAIRMAN IN BELFAST.—Viscount Inchcape, G.C.M.G., Chairman of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, accompanied by Viscountess Inchcape, arrived in Belfast yesterday morning *via* Liverpool. They were met by Mr. Charles Payne, D.L., a director of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and proceeded to his residence, "Kin-Edar," Strandtown, where they were joined by Mr. F. P. Rebbick, J.P., who is also a director of the shipbuilding firm. Later, Lord Inchcape carried out a tour of inspection of the ss. Raymak, which is being built at the Queen's Island shipyard for the P. and O. Company.

NEW STEAMER'S TRIAL TRIP.—The ss. Antinous, a new steamer built to the order of the New Egypt and Levant Shipping Company, Ltd., London, by Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Ltd., successfully carried out a series of trials in Belfast Lough yesterday. During the trials the owners were represented by Mr. W. Robson, the superintendent of Messrs. Langdon Rees, Ltd., the managers. The vessel, which is of the shelter-deck type, is 415 feet in length, with a gross tonnage of 4,560, and 8,400 tons deadweight, has been constructed to the requirements of Lloyd's Register of Shipping for their highest class.

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.—At a meeting of the Tyrone County Hospital on Tuesday—Captain Herdman, D.L., presiding—Dr. Thompson, surgeon of the hospital, mentioned his approaching retirement, and stated that he had served the county for nearly 50 years. He felt that the increased work of the hospital entailed too much anxiety and labour, which should at any rate be shared by a younger surgeon, and he had obtained the name of Dr. Gill. Dr. Thompson further mentioned that he desired to take Dr. Gill into partnership for the remainder of his time in Omagh. Dr. Gill was requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee. The chairman thanked Dr. Thompson for his communication.

M.P. AND BELFAST EDUCATION.—Mr. S. M'Guffin, M.P., in an address upon education in Belfast, said that there were at present 279 schools in Belfast, eighty-one of which were condemned, and had accommodation for eleven thousand children. Bad enough as these figures showed matters to be, it was not yet quite so serious as when he (Mr. M'Guffin), dealing with the matter in the Imperial Parliament some years ago, had to admit that there were 18,000 children for whom no school accommodation was available. Of immediate interest was the education authorities' plans for the building of three new schools, to cost £80,000, and the projected expenditure in the near future of three-quarters of a million pounds in the building of twenty-five schools.

Finland is the 17th State to agree to the Geneva protocol dealing with the pacific settlement of international disputes.

PRESENTS.

Come to Aonach na Nodlag (Christmas Fair) for Artistic and Useful Presents.—40 Upper O'Connell street, near Rotunda.—(Advt.)

SPORTING RIGHTS IN MEATH.

CHARGE OF TAKING A PHEASANT.

"The suggestion has been made in this case that Captain Fowler, in taking these proceedings, has been acting the part of a relentless landlord. Apart from the evidence of the agreements handed in here, I am perfectly satisfied that any suggestion of that kind is completely unwarranted." In these words, Mr. K. Reddin, District Justice, at the Summerhill, Co. Meath, Sessions, announced his decision in favour of Captain R. H. Fowler, Rahinstown, Enfield, who summoned John Mangan, Baconstown, Enfield, for entering the lands of Isaacstown on the 20th November with a dog and gun and taking away a hen pheasant.

Mr. O'Reilly, solicitor, Trim, in outlining the case, said that the lands had been sold to the tenants, and under the agreement to purchase the sporting rights were reserved to the owner.

Captain Fowler gave evidence as to having sold the lands of Isaacstown under the 1903 Land Act. In reply to Mr. D. J. Reilly, solicitor, who appeared for the defendant, Captain Fowler, said that he employed two gamekeepers, one on the outside lands, to try and preserve the game.

What is your attitude towards the tenants who purchased from you killing game; you do not admit that? I do not admit that they have any privilege.

You shoot these lands yourself occasionally? Yes.

You are also a prominent member of the Meath Hunt? Yes.

And as such you have to hunt and cross other people's lands? Yes.

That is a privilege, is it not? Well, yes; all hunting is on sufferance.

And as a neighbouring landholder, even if he is only a small man, do you not think there is such a thing as "give-and-take"—I mean as distinct from the ordinary poachers? I think I should assert my rights absolutely over the game.

You do not think there is any fear of using a "double-edged sword"? If I was ordered off anybody's land, I should consider it my duty not to go there.

Is it alleged that this man was ordered off? My gamekeeper will tell you that.

James Green, the gamekeeper, gave evidence as to seeing defendant beating through the field and shooting the hen pheasant, and he told him that he had no permission to shoot, as the tenants had given up the sporting rights to Captain Fowler. Defendant said that some farmers had asked him there.

John Mangan, the defendant, said that he did not know what Captain Fowler's rights were; he did not know that he was breaking the law; he shot over these lands before; there was no attempt to evade observation. He shot over 2,000 acres of land with the permission of "as great a man as Captain Fowler." "I will go there no more," he added, "but I will take good care that Captain Fowler will keep off mine."

The District Justice — How many acres have you got? 22 or 23. Captain Fowler is riding over my land for the last fifteen years, and I spend a week each year fencing after him, and I showed him all respect and "hatted" him; but I will not do it for the future.

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Reilly—Why did you not believe the gamekeeper? If I believed Mr. Green, he would tell me that Captain Fowler owned the whole world and half the Co. Meath. (Laughter.)

Mr. O'Reilly, solicitor for the defendant, said that the whole case consisted of want of tact on the one side, and a good deal of obstinacy on the other. The case ought not to be treated on the same footing as an ordinary one of poaching. Defendant had broken the law, but he was not a tenant on the estate, and did not know the rights and wrongs of the case. "These terrible threats of stopping the hunting will not become effective," added Mr. Reilly.

The Justice said that Captain Fowler was only exercising his rights as a citizen in coming there and compelling the defendant to abide by the law. A rather unpleasant suggestion had been made by the defendant about stopping the Meath Hunt. He (the Justice) was not a member of the Meath Hunt, but he hoped that the defendant was a better sportsman than he seemed to be. On the evidence he was satisfied that the defendant was on the lands through ignorance, and it was not with deliberate intent that he entered the lands and shot the pheasant. He would discharge the defendant on his giving an undertaking in writing—first, not to enter these lands again; second, on his undertaking to discharge the costs of court and the costs of the prosecution within fourteen days. He wanted it to be understood that Captain Fowler's prosecution was legally based.

The defendant gave the necessary undertaking.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

FREE STATE FINANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mr. Christian, in his letter of the 15th inst., contends that no financial boundary exists in Ireland, and that, consequently figures quoted by me are no criterion. It is well-known, however, that at least three-fourths of all Irish bank deposits are of Free State origin and that a vast portion of these is utilised outside its boundaries. It appears to be forgotten that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is no longer in existence, and that, in common with the other Dominions, the Free State need no longer be bound by the British Bank Charter Act of 1844. It can consequently regulate its note issue to its own advantage.

It must be remembered, too, that banking in the Six Counties is mainly owned and controlled by British institutions, and, while the few branches of Irish banks operating in England cannot issue their own notes, the British-owned Northern banks can do so throughout Ireland—a strange contrast with the native Southern banks, like the Hibernian and Munster, which cannot issue a single note in their own territory. As for the remarks of Mr. Christian concerning the substitution of Irish for British Treasury notes, the value of any paper currency is determined by the credit of the State, which I have previously pointed out to be in excellent condition. The State's paper should be of superior value to that turned out by the printing presses of the banks.—Yours, etc., "DEL CREDERE."

Dublin, December 18th, 1924.

MESSRS. FRY'S POPLIN FACTORY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—My Association, while refraining from expressing any opinion upon the merits of the Government's claim upon the above firm, desire to express the hope that even at the eleventh hour a way may be found whereby this old-established industry, which was introduced into Ireland by the Huguenots, may be saved from the disastrous consequences of a sheriff's sale. Mr. Reade may, or may not, have been ill-advised in regard to his dealings with the Revenue authorities; but, even assuming he has been at fault in the matter, surely some reasonable compromise could be effected which, while doing justice to the State, would preserve the employment which their factory affords, and prevent its employés from being added to the army of unemployed, and supported at the expense of the taxpayers out of the unemployment fund, the claims upon which are at present greater than the Budget of 1924-1925 anticipated.—Yours, etc.,

E. N. SOMERS, Secretary.
Dublin Industrial Development Association (Incorporated).
40 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin,
December 18th, 1924.

TURNED OUT OF HIS FARM.

COULD ONLY LOOK AT IT FROM THE ROAD.

James H. Fossitt told a story of hardship at the Tullamore Circuit Court, when applying for compensation for cattle driving and damage to his property. He was allowed £67 17s. on his claim.

For a long time, he said, he dare not enter his own land. All that he could do was to look at it from the road. People were putting their cattle in on his farm, and using it in every way that they liked. He was afraid that if he went on the farm his house would be burned. Not until the military came at Christmas, 1922, could he go on his land. His house was raided by masked men, he was pulled out of bed and put against the wall, and a revolver was put up to him.

His Honour and the State Solicitor expressed sympathy for him.

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GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

CHARGE OF UNDUE INTERFERENCE.

"Our governors now are more autocratic than we have ever had experience of heretofore in our lifetime."

This statement was made by Mr. Cogan, a member of the Joint Committee of Grangegorman (Dublin) Mental Hospital, at a meeting of the Committee yesterday. He spoke in reference to a letter from the Ministry of Local Government, which ordered that future appointments to medical officerships should be made at a salary of £300 a year, to be increased after two years' probation by £50. No allowances should be given, and only men should be appointed. Canvassing, it was further ordered, should be forbidden.

The Clerk said that the allowances under their rules amounted to £160 a year. The letter from the Local Government Board would mean that the doctor would have less than the head attendant, who had £277, with allowances, or some of the tradesmen.

Dr. Donnellan suggested that it would be a waste of time to apply to the medical profession at the present time under such circumstances. The doctor would have less than the carpenter.

The Chairman (Alderman Stanley) said he thought that they were bound by their rules as to allowances.

"UNWARRANTABLE INTERFERENCE."

It was decided that the Chairman should interview the Minister for Local Government in regard to the matter. It was agreed also that the Committee should suggest a salary of £200, with full allowances, during the probationary period.

The Chairman said that he disagreed with the Local Government Board's edict as to the bar against the appointment of a woman doctor. It was, he thought, a retrograde step to put up a sex bar.

Mr. Cogan thought it "an unwarrantable interference with the rights of the members of this Committee." The Local Government Board had no power to decide this question. He challenged the right of the Minister to say whether a doctor should be male or female. They were supposed to be free, but he was afraid their governors now were more autocratic than they had ever had experience of heretofore.

A minute was adopted that the Joint Committee considered that it should have full discretionary power to make an appointment, in succession to Dr. Kathleen Meade, Portrane, without any sex disqualification.

THE BISHOP'S "LIMERICK."

The Bishop of Chelmsford, presiding at the eightieth half-yearly dinner of the Merchant Taylors' School Club, repeated a "Limerick," which served, he said, to illustrate modern learning—

There was a young lady named Bright,
Who could travel much faster than light,
She started one day
In the relative way,
And came back the previous night.

"That is the kind of things they learn at the school now," declared the Bishop, amidst laughter. "When I was there we gave ourselves to more serious study."

POCKET LENSES.
DIXON & HEMPENSTALL,
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LUNATICS AT LARGE.

A SALISBURY CURATIVE SYSTEM.

At the Lunacy Inquiry at Old Palace Yard, Westminster, Sir Cecil Chubb, proprietor of the Old Manor, Salisbury, the largest and one of the oldest licensed houses for the insane in England, told the court that every day 109 inmates went into the town entirely unattended. He regarded this as being something of a safeguard, because it not only kept the patients in touch with the outside world, but it also meant that they could speak quite freely with members of the public. He admitted that there was some risk.

Sir Cecil said that when the patients went into the town on short leave they went in twos, because he found it advisable to place responsibility upon each of them to look after the other. They had pocket-money, and he understood that they drove hard bargains in the towns.

Replying to Mr. H. Snell, Sir Cecil said that the patients who went into the town for shopping did not shrink from meeting outside people. The townspeople did not know that they were inmates of the hospital, but the patients often gave the address of the institution to shopkeepers in order that goods might be sent to them.

LABOUR DEPUTY TALKS OF FORCE.

Deputy Everett, who has been remanded on bail, charged with taking part in a riotous assembly, following a labour disturbance on the quays of Wicklow, addressed the crowd outside the court, and said that his men would continue to vindicate their right to lawful picketing in this dispute, which promised to be a long-drawn-out one, and orders had been given for eight men to picket the boats.

He believed the attack upon them by servants of the Government would probably be under discussion that moment in the "talking shop," and elsewhere he would take action against those who had attacked them.

He referred to "the growth of Freemasonry and the positions that were being given to Freemasons," and said that the employers were taking advantage of the labour split to reduce wages, while at the next general election the Freemasons would endeavour to kill the Cumann na nGaedheal and Labour Parties to run the country for their own ends.

He advised the men to stand together and be quiet but ready to meet force if they were again attacked, and asked their misguided former comrades (Larkin's followers) to come back to their fold.

The Methodist Bishop, Bast, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of fraud, was released yesterday, pending a further development of the case, says a Reuter's Copenhagen message.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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BEAM WIRELESS CHARGES.

SYDNEY, Thursday.

It is announced that the charges for transmission of messages over the beam wireless system, which will be operating within a year, will be as follows:—Full rate, 2s. per word; deferred, 1s.; week-end, 6d. Press, full rate, 5d.; Press, deferred, 3d.—(Reuter.)

Mr. Henry Hubert Ostler has been appointed to the New Zealand Supreme Court Bench to succeed the late Sir John Salmond.

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The Irish Times.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Boundary Commissioners yesterday visited Lifford and Strabane, and met representatives of various local political parties.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Home Office last night issued a White Paper explaining the financial resolution of the Northern Ireland Land Bill.—(Page 7.)

The Irish Free State Land Purchase Loan Guarantee Bill was passed by the House of Lords yesterday.—(Page 7.)

The House of Commons last night passed a financial resolution in connection with the proposed subsidy for the encouragement of the growth of sugar beet.—(Page 8.)

ABROAD.

One white man and thirty natives were killed at the Randfontein Estates Gold Mine, South Africa, yesterday morning, when a cage in which they were being lowered fell 1,000 feet down a shaft.—(Page 7.)

The native problem in South Africa is causing some anxiety in Government circles.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London stocks were steady, with a distinctly better tone.—(Page 11.)

Money was in comfortable supply in Lombard street. The foreign exchanges were dull.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin business was small. Courtaulds were a strong spot. National Loan fell ¼ to 92⅝.—(Page 11.)

The Cry of the Children.

In former winters the cry of "Distress in the West" recurred so punctually, and sometimes with such slight foundation, that it came to be a subject for the cynicism of Chief Secretaries. Now the cry is heard once more, and, for our country's sake, we should like to be able to adopt the cynical attitude with an easy conscience. Unhappily, the facts are against this instinct to escape from gloomy thoughts at Christmastide. There is no need to take an alarmist view of the present situation in the South and West of Ireland. We have made careful inquiries from Government departments, which have met us very frankly; and we believe that there is no reason to fear any stark outbreak of famine on a great scale. These departments admit, however, that there is now an unusual amount of distress in several large districts. It is most acute in Connemara, in the remoter parts of Donegal and in County Kerry. In the "rotten and rigid communities" of the Congested Districts the small farmers and peasants live perpetually on the border-line of penury. The only true remedy for their plight is that policy of migration which, as we hope, Mr. Hogan will enforce quickly under the provisions of his new Land Act. The present year has piled misfortune after misfortune on these hapless folk. The wet summer and autumn spoiled the potato harvest. A good turf crop was impossible, and the crop that was lifted could not be dried. Thus the cottagers are facing a long winter with a pitiable insufficiency of food and fuel; and, if prompt relief is denied to them, sickness and disease may come soon—perhaps, even the dread epidemic of typhus, which is always lurking in the Western islands. The Government, we are assured, is alive to the danger; and the Land Commission, the Local Government Department and the Department of Industry and Commerce are co-operating to mitigate distress. We invite the Government to publish a statement of the facts and some outline of its programme before the *Dail* rises for the holidays.

The Government's activities will give our people no excuse for indifference. Every well-to-do citizen's Christmas will be happier if he can feel that he has sent a small ray of comfort into some bare cottage of Glencolumbcille or Connemara. At this time our thoughts turn naturally to the children. Even in good years Christmas brings little to the peasant children of the Western seaboard. Miss Mary O'Toole, the Home Assistance Officer at Lettermore, Co. Galway, writes to us: "There are children in the Connemara *Gaedhealtacht* who knew Christmas only by the presence of the currant cake on the supper table on Christmas Day, and many of them this year will be without even that luxury." Indeed, it is not a question now of current coins, but of the *minimum* quantity of the bare necessaries of life—food, clothing, fuel. We have printed the testimony of some of those fine messengers of mercy, Lady Dudley's Jubilee nurses, to the extent of the misery that prevails to-day among large numbers of women and children in the West and South. Here is one picture—"little children, almost bare of clothing, cowering over a fire of heather, with skin diseases from drinking only black tea." The Countess of Mayo has appealed to us on behalf of the work of Lady Dudley's nurses. These women toil, with something of the blessed zeal of Florence Nightingale, in the very outposts of our Western civilisation, travelling long distances to visit the sick, cheering the sad, helping in a thousand beneficent ways the work of the clergyman and the doctor. Through lack of funds their number has been reduced from thirty to twenty-four, but these twenty-four are fighting a splendid battle, and we hope most earnestly that the country will make a swift and generous response to Lady Mayo's appeal. She asks for blankets, clothes, food and money; and, if the spirit of Christmas really is in the souls of Irishmen to-day, she will get them in abundance.

The young, young children, O my brothers,
They are weeping bitterly.
They are weeping in the play-time of the others,
In the country of the free.

A few hundreds of pounds, sent to 33 Molesworth street, Dublin, during the next two or three days, would enable Lady Dudley's nurses to enter a thousand cabins at Christmas as angels of good cheer.

Russia's Future.

After several years of political eclipse the Russian *émigrés* are beginning once more to take an active interest in the affairs of their native land. The Grand Duke Cyril has just issued an imposing memorandum, in which he assumes the rank and dignity of Tsar and outlines his plans for the complete reform of the government of Russia. The Grand Duke Cyril is the eldest son of the Grand Duke Vladimir, who was the late Emperor's uncle. His political programme includes universal suffrage, free education for everybody, and a general amnesty for all crimes and offences committed in connection with the revolution. The new "Tsar" will grant full religious freedom to all religious sects, including the Jews. In foreign affairs he will cultivate a policy of international co-operation, recognising all Russia's Imperial debts, but apparently refusing to have anything to do with the obligations which have been incurred by the Bolsheviks. He will promote the reconstruction of Russia's economy on a basis of foreign concessions, and will reduce his Army and Navy to the lowest possible proportions. Altogether the programme of Cyril Vladimirovitch is very attractive; but facts are stubborn things, and Trotsky and company are in possession of all the Russias. Nobody takes the Grand Duke very seriously except the Americans, who have just been paying homage to his wife, and have accorded to her all the public adulation which usually is reserved for crowned heads and "film stars." It is true that she is a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria and is reputed to be a very gracious lady, but she is not the Empress of Russia. The fact that well-known Americans paid the sum of ten dollars for the privilege of sitting at her table during dinner on an Atlantic liner is a curious commentary on the quality of democracy in the United States.

Powerful influences are still at work throughout Europe, and more especially in Germany, to bring back the Romanoff dynasty; but Tsardom, as it existed before the revolution, never can be revived. The day of the despot is done. If, and when, the Russian people decide to overthrow the Bolsheviks, they will not exchange one tyranny for another. The Russians are essentially a monarchical race. Republicanism is as foreign to their nature as it is to the nature of the Irish people, and there is little doubt that some day they will have their "Little Father" again. The Soviet period, however, has taught Russia many things. It has exposed the limitations of the Marxian concept of democracy, but also it has awakened the people to a sense of their own power. When they have escaped from Bolshevism they will not be likely to run a similar risk at the other extreme of the political scale. If the Grand Duke Cyril, or anybody else, wants to lead his people out of the wilderness, he must be prepared to occupy the position of a constitutional monarch who will act as a symbol of national unity. He must be prepared, too, to dispense with the loyalty of the old courtier class, members of which are intriguing in every European capital. They were the real wreckers of Imperial Russia. They misled the Tsar, who was a kind, but foolish, man, and were directly responsible for the pro-German treachery which gave the Kerensky revolution its greatest stimulus. Russia is better without such people. Deliverance from Bolshevism would be a farce if it should entail their return to power. The Russians are a great nation, with almost unlimited possibilities for the future; but they need proper leaders. Those leaders will not come either from the parasites of the old Imperial Court or from the underworld of international Jewry. They will spring from the people who sacrificed two million lives in a heroic attempt to stem the tide of Germany's invasion.

"Corners" in Wheat.

The proceedings of the Royal Commission on Food Prices, which is sitting at Westminster, have disclosed some interesting and reassuring facts about the price of wheat. It appears that a "corner" in the world's supply of wheat is an unattainable thing. All the evidence before the Commission was unanimous on this point. In the words of one experienced witness, "the quantity of wheat in the world is so enormous that it is impossible to control it." During the last thirty years there have been only two "corners" in American wheat, and neither of them produced any appreciable effect on the price in the British Isles. The first, which was attempted in 1898, failed completely, and the chief speculator lost all his money. The second occurred in 1917, when the British Government secured the American supplies for the use of the Allies. From the evidence before the Commission it appears that imported wheat is cheaper in the British Isles than in other European countries. The sharp advances in price in Great Britain are caused by the fact that it sometimes becomes unprofitable to send wheat into the country owing to the relatively low selling value. American farmers in the past have suffered loss from the sale of their wheat crops, and the Governments of the United States and Canada have taken steps to prevent the victimisation of the growers. The price of wheat in Chicago yesterday advanced slightly and the market was firm; but there appears to be no fear that the cost of bread in the British Isles will rise to such an extent as to cause serious hardship. Since the value of wheat is international, and every day it is being sown or harvested in some part of the world, the price must be subject to frequent changes.

The Turkish Way.

A deputy in the Turkish Grand National Assembly has tabled a bill which threatens to reduce the Turkish Press to an even more inarticulate state than that of the newspapers in Italy. Among the terms of the bill is one which provides that the responsible managing director may obtain permission to found a newspaper only if he has reached the age of thirty-five and has gained a high school diploma. Members of the reporting and editorial staffs also must possess the high school diploma. Furthermore, all newspapers must write in favour of a republican form of government. The bill provides that sums of £T5,000 and £T2,500, for Constantinople and provincial papers respectively, must be lodged as caution money and that this caution money may be confiscated as a punishment for illegal publications. In addition to these heavy penalties the offending paper may be suppressed and the proprietor may be debarred from founding another paper at any future time. Naturally, the proposed bill has aroused a storm of protest. The bill appears to be the outcome of official resentment at the attitude of the Press, which is not favourably disposed towards the Popular Republican Party. Impatience of criticism is a not unusual characteristic of newly established Governments, but the bill before the Turkish Assembly seems to overstep all limits of reason and commonsense. In a country like Turkey, which but recently has thrown aside tradition and has confided its destinies to young men, it seems absurd to deny the right to control a newspaper to any one below the age of thirty-five. The young Republic has particular need for the free interchange of opinions.

ROAD FUND ASSETS.

£78,000 PAID TO THE FREE STATE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Churchill, in reply to Brigadier-General Cockerill, said that the sum of £78,778 11/10, agreed to be the approximate share of the Irish Free State Government of the assets of the Development Fund, as on the 1st April, 1922 (being the date of transfer of services to the Provisional Government), had been paid to the Free State Government. No agreement had yet been reached between His Majesty's Government and the Free State Government as to what was the appropriate share due to the latter of the assets of the Road Fund as on the same date, and no payment had yet been made on this account.

NEW LONDON PLAY.

"POLLYANNA" AT THE ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

Apart from the fact that "Pollyanna" is brimming over with the sort of "slushy" sentiment in which the Americans wallow, it is not an unattractive little play. The story tells of the love of John Pendleton for a girl who preferred a missionary. After living abroad for some years she dies, leaving a daughter remarkably like herself. The girl is sent to her relatives in England, and is mistaken for her mother's ghost by John Pendleton.

This little girl is Pollyanna, whose father has taught her always to be happy and to make the best of circumstances. The child's glad philosophy affects everyone for the best, except the stern aunt. From a morose, grumpy personage, John Pendleton blossoms into a kindly and genial soul.

The little girl meets with a bad accident, goes to the Continent for medical attention and is away five years, but not before she has succeeded in bringing together the austere aunt and an old admirer. On her return, cured and, incidentally, grown up, she finds John Pendleton an altered man, happy in his love for an adopted son, whom Polly also learns to love.

Joan Barry played Polly in a sweetly, sophisticated manner—she looked a mere child. Lyn Harding gave distinction to the character of John Pendleton, while Maire O'Neill, as the Irish servant, was delightful. The acting of the whole cast was really good, and the production by Mr. Reginald Denham was excellent.

"Pollyanna" is an entertainment that will attract playgoers who like their sentiment extra sweet, and in large doses. The play, which was produced at the St. James's Theatre to-night, is an adaptation of Eleanor Porter's well-known novel.

A MUTINY VETERAN'S FUNERAL.

SIX LEFT OUT OF 207.

An Indian Mutiny veteran, Private James Hopkinson, who served with the 7th Royal Fusiliers, was buried this week in Philips Park Cemetery, Manchester. He was 83. The Manchester Crimea and Indian Mutiny Veterans' Association paid the expenses of the funeral, and on its behalf Mr. Edgar Johnson, the hon. secretary, was present at the burial. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and a laurel wreath was placed upon it.

When the Manchester Association was formed 18 years ago 207 veterans were on its books. The Association has spent £12,000 in providing grants of money, clothing, and medical comforts for them. Only six of the 207 are now alive—three in Manchester and three in Chelsea Hospital.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Queen's Theatre—"Chocolate Drops," 7 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Wangles of 1924," 7 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"The Playboy of the Western World" and "Sovereign Love," 8 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Bad Man," 4.15, 6.45, and 9.15 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"Sherlock, Jr.," 2.15, 4.45, 7.15 and 9.45 p.m.; also "The Oakdale Mystery," at 3.0, 5.30 and 8.0 p.m.
Grafton Picture House—"The Tenth Woman."
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Circus Days," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"Zaza," 3 to 10.30.
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Pavements of Gold," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
C.E.Z.M.S.—Christmas Market, 11 Hume street, 12 noon to 6 p.m.
Senate, 1 p.m.
Dail Eireann, 12 noon.
G.S. and W. Railway Co.—Kingsbridge, 2 p.m.
St. Andrew's College—Prize Day, 12 noon.
Mountjoy School—Prize Day, 3.30 p.m.
Wesley College—Prize Day, 4.30 p.m.
Rathmines Municipal Technical Institute—Exhibition of Goods, 3 to 8 p.m.
Dublin Circuit Court, 11 a.m.

The Press has been Imperial to a far greater extent than Cabinets and Governments, certainly during the last fifty years.—Lord Burnham.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales, the King of Norway and the Crown Prince Olaf were on the platform at Victoria Station when Princess Victoria left for Dover *en route* for Lugano, where she will spend the next couple of months. Major and Lady Blanche Seymour were in attendance, and travelled with the Princess in a reserved Pullman car.

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The Earl and Countess of Birkenhead, Viscount Furneaux, Lady Eleanor and Lady Pamela Smith, Lady (Harold) Smith, Lady Wavertree, Sir Leonard and Lady Lyle and Commander and Mrs. O. Locker-Lampson will leave Southampton to-day for Madeira, in the Kildonan Castle. Viscount and Viscountess de Vesci, accompanied by the Earl of Rosse, Lady Mary Parsons and the Hon. Desmond Parsons, will leave England shortly for Switzerland. Major-General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan will sail to-morrow for South Africa.

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Viscount and Viscountess Inchcape have arrived in Belfast from London. Brigadier-General Lord Thompson, the Hon. Marguerite Shaughnessy and Captain the Hon. Frederick Guest were among the passengers on the Olympic, which left Southampton for New York on Wednesday. Sir Robert and Lady Hudson have left London for a month's stay in the South of France.

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Lord and Lady Leconfield are entertaining a house party at Petworth House for the celebration of the silver wedding of General Sir Ivor and the Hon. Lady Maxse. The latter is Lord Leconfield's eldest sister. Among their guests are the Countess of March, Earl and Countess of Bathurst, the Dowager Lady Leconfield, the Hon. Lady Cunliffe, Field-Marshal Sir William and Lady Robertson, Lieutenant-General Sir Philip and Lady Chetwode and Sir Herbert and Lady Jekyll.

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Yesterday afternoon Lady Ardilaun gave a musical party at her residence in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Vocal selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's operas were contributed by members of the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society, and the solos and concerted items won much appreciation, especially the "Iolanthe" selections. Mr. R. Potterton rendered several violin solos with much artistic feeling. Mr. T. H. Weaving presided at the piano.

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Lord and Lady Carson have returned to London from the country. Mrs. Beauchamp Doran left Ely House, Wexford, last week, and spent a few days in Dublin before she left for London, where General Beauchamp Doran will join her for Christmas. Rear-Admiral H. Ashley Cummins and Miss Cummins have left for Saint Jean-de-Luz, where several Irish visitors have already arrived.

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Doctor Young has changed his residence from 25 Newbridge avenue, Sandymount, to 45 Tritonville road.

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Mrs. Jeffers has left 202 Great Brunswick street for ten days.

Switzer's Mah-Jongg Demonstration will terminate to-morrow (Saturday).

Christmas Gifts—Each section is laden with wonderfully Choice, Dainty and Practical Gifts. Rich Furs, Lovely Frocks, Sports Wear, Jumpers, Gloves, Umbrellas, etc.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

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Salthill Hotel—Friday, 26th December, Children's Dance and Christmas Tree, 3 to 6 o'clock. Tickets strictly limited.

Madame Renée has received a special delivery of Evening Gowns for Christmas Dances. Prices very moderate.—Harry street (off Grafton street).

Davis and Co. have just received a choice collection of Day and Evening Gowns. Some Exclusive and Distinctive Models now on view. Prices strictly moderate. 'Phone 4095.—45 Grafton street.

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Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Toy Fair and Christmas Gift Bazaar now open.

A charming selection of Frocks for Christmas Dances can be had at Mansfield Sisters, Wicklow street. Also Novelties in Jumpers, Hats and Furs. Prices very moderate.

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Furs—Annual December Sale of High-Class Furs at very reduced prices.—David Ward, 24 Grafton street (1st floor). Window show at 16 Duke street.

Special Sale of Fur Coats and Small Furs This Week.—Nutria Coat, finest skins, reduced to 59 gns.; Electric Seal Coat, 19 gns.; also Beaver, Coney and Moleskin Coats, clearing at slightly over Cost Price. Two-Skin Sable Fitch Necklets, 49/6; Skunk Stoles, from 9½ gns.; Ermine Ties, from 3½ gns.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Wireless: Call or write W. D. Hogan, 56 Henry street, Dublin.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—Depressions forming over the Atlantic will continue to move in a north-easterly direction, skirting our North-West shores and maintaining a mild south-westerly wind current over the British Isles. The weather generally will be cloudy at times, with fairer intervals, and there is likely to be occasional rain or drizzle in the North-West and local drizzle in the south-west.

N. W. Ireland.—Wind south-westerly, fresh or strong, with risk of gale later; mainly cloudy; occasional rain or drizzle; visibility moderate; mild.

N.E., S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Wind southerly to south-westerly, moderate to fresh or strong; mainly cloudy; local drizzle; moderate visibility; mild.

*S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel

IRISH LAND BILLS.

DISCUSSIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

ROYAL ASSENT TO FREE STATE LOAN.

LORD CARSON'S VIEW.

NORTHERN MEASURE DELAYED.

Two Irish Land Bills were before the Imperial Parliament yesterday. The House of Lords passed the Irish Free State Land Purchase Loan Guarantee Bill through all its remaining stages, and it received the Royal Assent before the House rose. The second reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill was moved in the House of Commons by Lord Eustace Percy, but Mr. Sidney Webb insisted that the matter should be debated, and the question was not put.

FREE STATE LOAN.

LORD CARSON'S SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The Irish Free State Land Purchase Loan Guarantee Bill, which has passed the House of Commons, was passed through all its stages in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Carson said that he was grateful to the Government for this bill. It would not be in order to discuss the Land Bill which had been passed by the Free State Government. That was a confiscatory measure, which made compulsory the sale and purchase of land at an arbitrary price nothing like its market value, and giving a very small composition for arrears of rent which the Free State Government were unwilling or unable to collect.

The consequence was that the landowners had got very diminished sums for the land they had been compelled to part with, and to take in it Irish 4½ per cent. Bonds, which, if put on the market, might be worth £30 or £40.

He welcomed this bill, because it would put the whole credit of Great Britain behind this transaction. If that had not been done it would have been complete confiscation. The landowner had to pay off mortgages made when the country was under Britain's rule, and he had to give mortgagees their full pound of flesh.

This bill was the merest act of justice to the landowners, considering that it was Great Britain which put the landowners in their present position, absolutely at the mercy of those who wished to despoil them. He did not agree that the bill meant no liability to Great Britain. He looked forward to the day when the instalments would no longer be paid, and when that country would naturally and rightly be called upon to pay the interest on the bonds on the settlement of Ireland.

They gave here a present, although the taxpayers did not know much about it, of 131 millions, to be paid out of the instalments paid by the tenants. That was at a time when farmers and landowners were hardly able to carry on. But 131 millions was a mere fleabite, and they got rid of it with a stroke of the pen. To do another good turn to the Free State, the money was sent over to the Bank of Ireland, in order that it might distribute dividends on Irish Stock and enable the Free State Government to take their 5s. income tax, in addition to the 4s. 6d. collected in Great Britain.

He had a small amount of Stock, and was charged 9s. 6d. in the £ income tax, although he had nothing to do with the Free State. Therefore, the case was clear for the passing of the bill. The country need not worry about giving Ireland another 30 millions in addition to the 131 millions. He hoped they would have other bills brought in for the relief of those who had suffered in Ireland.

Before the House adjourned until the middle of February next the bill received the Royal Assent by Commission.

THE NORTHERN BILL.

MR. WEBB PRESSES FOR A DEBATE.

Lord Eustace Percy, in moving the second reading of the Northern Ireland Land Bill in the House of Commons last night, said that the Government were not by this measure doing anything that was new, but were completing the matter of land purchase in Ireland, a process which had been going on with the consent and encouragement of all sections of opinion in Great Britain for the last 50 years. The bill was introduced in its present form by the late Government, and they were doing in this bill something which was already agreed to by landlords and tenants at the Irish Convention held in 1918.

The bill imposed no charge on His Majesty's Government, because the whole cost of the land purchase would be borne by the Northern Government. The measure had been drawn up in consultation with the Government of Northern Ireland, and its broad principle was perfectly clear. For 50 years Great Britain had endeavoured to carry through land purchase in Northern Ireland by a system of advancing the purchase price of the land to the tenant. He thought that all the questions to be raised on the bill were Committee points and could be decided upstairs.

Mr. Maxton asked if the British Treasury took responsibility for the debt involved.

Lord Eustace Percy said that the stock which would be issued for the purpose of land purchase would be guaranteed by the British Government substantially in the same way as the British Government guaranteed the stock under the Free State Act. No actual burden or liability fell on the British taxpayer.

Mr. Maxton was proceeding to argue that the position might be affected by a change in the boundary of Northern Ireland, when Lord Eustace Percy, interposing, said that no stock could possibly be issued under the bill until long after the Boundary Commission had reported.

Mr. D. D. Reid said that the Land Stock in connection with Northern Ireland was a better security than Land Stock in connection with Southern Ireland. Under the Act of 1920 income tax, super-tax, and other duties were levied by the British Government, which could charge against them any possible deficiency on Land Stock, whereas in the case of Southern Ireland they could only make a claim against the Free State.

Mr. Sidney Webb suggested that the second reading should not be pressed. They were entitled, he thought, to a debate.

Lord Eustace Percy said that the House had guaranteed the Southern Land Stock, and he thought it only fair to show that it was ready to guarantee the Northern Land Stock.

Mr. Reid appealed to Mr. Webb to allow the second reading. Mr. Webb, however, persisted, and the debate was adjourned at eleven o'clock.

While Mr. Webb was speaking the Ulster members became exasperated at the delay, and Sir W. Lane-Mitchell called out: "Sit down, Nanny."

Several Labour members jumped up and protested against such an unparliamentary expression.

Sir W. Lane-Mitchell then said that he regretted that, in the exasperation of the moment, he was betrayed into the use of an expression, for which he apologised to the House, and also to the right hon. member for Seaham. (Hear, hear.)

The House adjourned at 11.24.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION EXPLAINED.

A White Paper, issued last night by the British Home Office, contained a memorandum on the Northern Ireland Land Bill, explaining the financial resolution.

This resolution, it is stated, deals with two points:—

(1)—"The creation and issue of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds for raising any money required for the Irish Land Purchase Fund (including Land Purchase Aid Fund)";

(2)—"The sums to be paid by the Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland) out of voted moneys, if, and so far as, the receipts of the Commission are insufficient for the payments they are required to make."

The resolution does not involve any financial charge on the Imperial Exchequer, as under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, any expenditure incurred will be recovered from the Government of Northern Ireland by deduction from the Northern Ireland residuary share of reserved taxes. As, however, the general subject-matter of the Acts relating to land purchase in Northern Ireland is reserved to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, legislation to amend those Acts must be passed by it, and any expenditure involved thereby falls to be provided, in the first instance, by the Imperial Parliament.

The purpose of the bill is to provide for the completion of land purchase in Northern Ireland, on the lines recommended by a sub-Committe of the Irish Convention, in 1918, subject to certain adaptations recommended by a Committee of which Lord Eustace Percy, M.P., was Chairman, in 1923.

The main principle of the Convention scheme was that land purchase should be automatically completed on the basis of the transactions already effected by agreement under the Irish Land Act, 1903. The only substantial alteration of the scheme recommended by Lord Eustace Percy's Committee was that, in accordance with present monetary conditions the denomination of the Stock or Bonds required for the purpose should be 4½ per cent., instead of 5 per cent. The amount of bonus payable in cash to the landlords remains as provided for in the Convention scheme. It is proposed, in Part 1 of the bill, to apply the new denomination of Bonds and scale of bonus to any future voluntary sales, as well as to the automatic transfer of tenanted land, to be effected under Part 2 of the bill.

The resolution accordingly authorises the creation of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds, for issue in payment of purchase money, or for providing the cash bonus payable from the Land Purchase Aid Fund. The total amount of Bonds required for the former purpose is estimated not to exceed £8,000,000, and the total amount of the bonus at £900,000.

The interest and sinking fund relating to the Bonds required for issue at face value to vendors of estates in payment of the purchase money proper—i.e., apart from the bonus, will be covered by annuities payable by the tenant purchasers, which are estimated to amount in all to £380,000 a year.

DISTRESS IN THE WEST.

WORK OF JUBILEE NURSES.

URGENT APPEAL FOR AID.

A little while ago the Countess of Mayo, as President of the Lady Dudley Fund to establish Jubilee Nurses in the poorest parts of Ireland, issued a public appeal for funds to enable nurses to be kept in remote districts, in which their services have proved an invaluable boon to the inhabitants. This appeal was renewed in our columns on Wednesday.

Reports received from the nurses who are carrying out their benevolent mission in these parts go to show that many of the poorer people are in sore distress for want of food, clothing and fuel.

A GLOOMY CHRISTMAS

IN CONNEMARA AND DONEGAL.

The Countess of Mayo, in the appeal mentioned, states:—"The nurses' reports of the suffering amongst women and children from want, and especially from cold, call for immediate and practical generosity. As a personal witness of the bitter need of these poor people, I ask all who can to send me money to help to maintain these brave nurses, doing splendid work far from the amenities of life. I plead for blankets, clothes, food, or money for the relief of exceptional distress."

An *Irish Times* representative was informed in Government circles yesterday that the Government Departments are doing everything that is possible to meet the requirements of the situation. The Land Commission is spending a certain sum of money, and the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Local Government Department are co-operating to mitigate the distress.

VICTIMS OF A BAD YEAR.

Accounts received from other sources leave no room for doubt of the urgent need of relieving the poverty-stricken inhabitants of Connemara and certain parts of the County Donegal.

In consequence of the abnormally rainy summer and autumn, the poor people were unable to grow enough potatoes to supply themselves with food. In many parts the crop was almost a total failure. Thus their means of subsistence have disappeared. The wetness of the past season rendered it impossible to cut much turf from the bogs, and that which was cut could not be dried sufficiently to be used for fuel.

The want of fuel in the poor cottages is one of the greatest causes of suffering to the children. When it is added to the want of food and clothing there is the lack of the means of keeping their little bodies warm, their distress is, indeed, deplorable.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES.

Connemara is not the only district in which severe distress prevails at present. There is, for instance, Glencolumbcille, Co. Donegal. The following extract from a letter dated November 21st, which has been received from a clergyman in that district by the Committee of the Lady Dudley Fund, 33 Molesworth street, Dublin, gives some idea of the state of affairs:—

"I thought the poor here would never experience such a hard winter as the last one. Owing to the incessant rain during the summer and autumn months they were unable to save any turf for fuel, and their crops are mostly ruined. Hence their plight this winter is worse than ever. It is most distressing to enter their homes and see the poor children, badly clothed and poorly nourished, crouching over a few embers endeavouring to procure a little heat.

"We have an epidemic of measles. Two children have died as a consequence of lack of proper heat. The nurse who arrived here at the beginning of November is doing much to alleviate the suffering amongst the sick. Only those who have experience of such remote and poor areas can really appreciate what a boon and a blessing the nurses are in such districts."

THE NEED FOR NURSES.

Some of these remote districts are from thirty to forty miles from a railway station, and the residence of the medical doctor in many cases is no less than twenty miles distant. In these circumstances the need of keeping a fully trained nurse in such a district scarcely requires to be stated. Owing to the lack of funds the Committee were obliged to reduce the number of these nurses from thirty to twenty-four; and if funds are not forthcoming from the generous public the number will have to be still further reduced.

The Committee are daily sending out from their dépôt in Molesworth street continuous streams of parcels containing food, clothing and medical necessaries to the nurses, to be distributed by them, and used as they think best.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH.

ROME, Thursday.

At the Consistory to-day, the Pope announced the appointment of Monsignor Joseph Thorman, to be Bishop of Newcastle, and of Monsignor Pearson, to be Bishop of Lancaster. At the end of the Consistory, postulations were made for several Archbishoprics, including the Archbishopric of Armagh.—(Reuter.)

WERNHER JEWELS.

POLICE ACTIVITY IN THE MYSTERY.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday.

Important inquiries were being made tonight by senior detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department in London in connection with the theft and return of the famous Wernher collection of jewels and antiques, which disappeared from Bath House, Piccadilly, the residence of Lady Ludlow, on the night of June 11.

The gems were recovered intact about a month after they had been stolen. The gems are now in "safe keeping," but they have not been returned to Bath House.

It is highly probable that developments of an interesting nature will shortly take place in connection with the affair.

It is certain that it was not the original thief, or even the first receiver, who negotiated their return. What percentage of the value the original thief got it is impossible to say.

THE "FREEMAN'S JOURNAL."

TO CEASE PUBLICATION FROM TO-DAY.

The Press Association says that the *Freeman's Journal* announces that it will cease publication from to-day.

CO. CAVAN VACANCY.

FIVE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES.

Interest in the coming by-elections for the Dail appears to concentrate on the contest in Co. Cavan.

Our Political Correspondent learns that five candidates may be selected for the seat. The Farmers, on Saturday last, decided to put forward a candidate, and it may be taken for granted that both the Cumann na nGaedheal and Republican Parties will fight the seat. Mr. Milroy is expected to stand again, and the fifth candidate is an Independent. He is Mr. Patrick Smith, M.A., ex-sergeant of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, who now is a barrister practising in the Dublin Courts.

SALE OF FACTORY ORDERED.

REVENUE AUTHORITIES REFUSE INSTALMENTS.

At the instance of the Irish Free State Revenue Commissioners, a sheriff's sale of the furniture of Mr. W. J. Reade's dwelling at Kenilworth road, Rathmines, took place yesterday.

It is alleged that Mr. Reade refused to pay £7,900 income tax and excess profits duty, and accordingly the sale of his property yesterday by Mr. J. Allen, auctioneer, was ordered. Most of the effects sold cheaply. To-day Mr. P. J. Byrne, auctioneer, will sell at the factory of Messrs. Fry and Co., Cork street, of which Mr. Reade is sole proprietor, his stock of carriage lace, Irish poplin, silk and trimmings, also the machinery and plant.

It is understood that an offer by Mr. Reade to pay the amount by instalments was refused by the Revenue authorities.

ADULTERATED MILK.

OFFENDER SENTENCED TO PRISON.

A Blackrock milk vendor, Walter Greer, Newtown Park, was sentenced yesterday at Kingstown District Court to three months' imprisonment for selling milk adulterated with water.

Inspector Darcy, for the Kingstown Urban Council, summoned Greer on three counts.

Mr. E. J. Kenny, solicitor for the Urban Council, said that the first summons had been adjourned from the previous court day at the request of Mr. James Brady, solicitor for the defendant, in order to have a sample analysed by the State analyst.

Mr. Collins, K.C., the District Justice, said that the Council's analyst gave an adulteration of 7.1 per cent. of added water, whereas the State analyst gave 2.18 per cent. He asked whether the water had evaporated from the retained sample.

Inspector Darcy said that on November 20th the defendant's brother and sister were delivering and had two cans. They had also a large churn, and when he asked the brother for a sample from his can he replied that there was not enough milk in it and poured in some milk from the churn. The inspector then took a sample, which analysis showed to be adulterated with 4.7 per cent. of added water. The inspector asked for a sample from the sister's can, and, not having enough, she also poured in milk from the large churn. A sample was then taken from her can and showed adulteration to the extent of 11.8 per cent. of added water.

In evidence the defendant stated that he kept seven cows and had milked them himself that morning. He did not tamper with the milk, and no one handled it until he gave it to his brother for delivery. The brother and sister also swore that they had not interfered with the milk.

Mr. Kenny said that the case was a very serious one and mentioned three previous convictions.

Mr. Collins sentenced Greer to three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Brady gave notice of appeal.

CHRISTMAS FARE.

TURKEYS CHEAP AS BEEF.

Although well-meated cattle sold to advantage at the Dublin Cattle Market yesterday, it was noticed that local victuallers bought on a very restricted scale.

Many of these, it is stated, had previously purchased as many animals as they were likely to require for the Christmas trade, and, in view of the low prices ruling for turkeys, they did not feel disposed to invest further.

If consumers can buy turkeys at 1s. 6d. or 1s. 8d. per lb., while beef is selling retail at about the same figure or slightly more, they will almost certainly give the preference to turkeys

Over 5,000 turkeys were sold in the Dungannon market on Thursday at prices ranging from 9d. to 11d. per lb.; geese 4½d. to 6d. per lb.

ENGLISH PRICES.

There was a heavy slump in the price of live Norfolk turkeys at a big Christmas sale at Harleston.

Over 1,000 turkeys were penned, and some choice birds of 12lb. weight were sold for half a guinea each.

Large consignments of foreign turkeys are said to be the cause of the slump.

THE IBANEZ PAMPHLET.

"DON'T FIRE AT THE MASTS: FIRE AT THE HULL."

GIBRALTAR, Thursday.

Copies of the pamphlet issued by Senor Blasco Ibanez, containing violent attacks on King Alfonso and the Spanish Directory, have reached here. It was introduced into Spain from France by means of two aeroplanes, bought for the purpose by the author, and presumably christened by him "Liberty" and "Spanish Republic." Two million copies of the pamphlet are being circulated.

In his introductory article, Senor Ibanez quotes the battle orders of the old time admirals: "Don't fire at the masts, fire at the hull." "The masts in the present case," the author declares, "are the comic opera Generals forming the Directory. The hull is the King."—(Reuter.)

MADRID, Thursday.

The Procurator of the Supreme Court, after inquiring into the publication by Senor Blasco Ibanez of his pamphlet, entitled "A Sequestrated Nation: Spain Under the Military Terror," has found that the author is guilty of the crime of *lese-majesté*.—(Reuter.)

[Senor Blasco Ibanez, who is in France, refused to attend the trial.]

CARS ON THE BORDER.

HOW VILLAGERS ARE IMPRESSED.

CUSTOMS BARRIER UNPOPULAR.

ITS EFFECT ON BUSINESS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

OMAGH, Thursday.

The two motor cars in which the Boundary Commissioners are making their tour of the border have traversed about 750 miles and used 128 gallons of petrol during the past nine days.

A like mileage—about 750 miles—has been registered by each car, but 128 gallons represents the total of petrol consumed by both. When the Commissioners have completed their tour in another few days the total distance covered will be about a thousand miles.

The car in which Mr. Justice Feetham usually travels is a high-powered Crossley, which runs little more than ten or eleven miles on a gallon of petrol. It is a car with an interesting history. It was the official car of the last Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord FitzAlan. Since he used it it has passed into the hands of the Imperial Government, and a few weeks ago it was placed at the disposal of the Commissioners.

The luxurious Crossley, accompanied by that great yellow touring car in which Dr. MacNeill travels, has become a familiar sight in many of the border areas.

STRABANE.

One may say without unkindness that the appearance of these cars in border villages excites more comment than the presence of the Boundary Commissioners. The vehicles are spoken of in terms of admiration, in marked contrast with the comments that are made when the Commissioners' visit is discussed.

Their presence in Strabane to-day excited the curiosity of the townspeople. The cars halted outside the Town Hall, and the Commissioners entered it to receive a visit from a prominent local Unionist and three or four Nationalists.

Strabane is, or was, a prosperous little town, with a population something over five thousand. There are important commercial concerns in and about the neighbourhood, three or four excellent hotels, and a branch of virtually every bank that has headquarters in Ireland. Before the establishment of the Customs barrier the bulk of Strabane's trade was with that part of Donegal which now lies just across the border—that is, with centres like Lifford, which is only about half a mile away, and with the country immediately behind it. Donegal and Tyrone are connected at Strabane by a bridge over the River Foyle. On the Free State side of the bridge is the small town of Lifford.

The setting up of the Customs barrier here has seriously injured the trade of Strabane, and all parties are anxiously looking forward to an amicable settlement of the boundary problem.

A NATIONALIST VIEW.

"I don't care a pin what Government I live under, as long as I am given equal rights and opportunities with my neighbours," said a local Nationalist to me. "One thing certain is, that all of us here want to see that intolerable nuisance of a Customs barrier abolished as soon as possible. Given that and, as I said before, equal rights with my neighbours, no matter to what religion they belong, I am absolutely indifferent as to what Government I live under. I suppose for preference I would like to be where taxation is lightest and the cost of living lowest."

The inconvenience caused by the present border situation was impressed on the Commissioners by those who received them in the Town Hall. Among them were Mr. W. B. Smith, a prominent Unionist mill-owner; Mr. Charles Brown, Nationalist, Chairman of Strabane Urban Council; Mr. John Devine, J.P.; the Rev. P. Treacy, C.C., and the Rev. J. Devine, C.C.

After that interview the Commissioners visited the Protestant Rectory and the Roman Catholic church and the Presbyterian clergymen.

Having inspected Mr. Smith's mills, where a large number of hands are employed, the Commissioners crossed the Foyle Bridge, and went into Lifford, on the Donegal side of the border. Although Lifford is the assize town of County Donegal, it contains a population of hardly more than five hundred. Since the establishment of the Customs barrier the town has drawn a considerable amount of trade from Strabane.

In the County Council offices the Commissioners received a small party of Nationalists, among whom were Mr. Francis Gallagher, solicitor; Mr. Daniel M'Menamin, barrister, and Mr. John M'Loughlin, Secretary of the Donegal County Council. Afterwards they drove to Clady, another border town, a few miles from Strabane. They returned to Newtownstewart to-night, and to-morrow will visit Derry City.

IMPERIAL TRADE.

HOW COLONIES REGARD NEW POLICY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Referring to the proposals of the Imperial Government to develop Empire trade, involving an expenditure of £1,000,000, Mr. Stanley Bruce said that he appreciated the Imperial Government's action, which certainly showed its sincerity.—(Reuter.)

The Executive Council of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce meeting in London adopted a resolution declaring that the statement made by the Prime Minister in the debate on Imperial Preference will be received with great pleasure in Canada, and noting with satisfaction that the interest shown by the new Government will lead to closer trade between the Dominions and the mother country.

Sir Joseph Cook, High Commissioner for Australia, last night made a statement to the Press Association in which he said that Mr. Baldwin's statement will create the liveliest satisfaction throughout Australia. "The adoption of the Conference proposals for preference by reduction of duties and the subvention for the marketing of primary products are," he said, "forward steps in the direction of the economic development of the Empire."

GOLD MINERS' TERRIBLE FATE.

FALL OF 1,000 FEET DOWN PIT SHAFT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

A terrible mining disaster has occurred at the Randfontein Estates Gold Mine, in which one white man and thirty natives were killed.

It appears that the cage containing the thirty-one men was descending the south vertical shaft, which is 4,750 feet deep, when the engine driver was horrified to find the strain on the cables suddenly cease. The cage, which dropped about one thousand feet, was crushed into a mass of twisted wreckage at the bottom of the shaft.

Rescuers immediately descended towards the bottom of the shaft and discovered human remains wedged in the timbers, while at the bottom of the shaft only the top of the battered cage could be seen emerging from the water.

Baling had to be resorted to, but up to 1.30 this morning no bodies had been recovered.

CABLE TO LONDON.

The London agents of the Randfontein Estates and Gold Mining Company, Witwatersrand, Ltd., announce the receipt of the following cable from the head office at Johannesburg:—

"Accident night 17th December, south vertical shaft, due to rope breaking. One white man and about thirty natives killed. Operations for month will be considerably affected; extent not known at present. Will telegraph later."

It seems to me a fantastic thing that the nations of the world should all be engaged in a great international starving competition in order to get a living.—Mr. Maxton.

WHERE IT IS REALLY COLD.

62 DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN CANADA.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE.

TORONTO, Thursday.

An extremely cold spell has begun in Western Canada. At Red Deer, Alberta, the temperature is 62 degrees below zero, and the public schools have been closed until the weather moderates.

At Campsie it is 56 degrees, at Calgary 45 degrees, and at Edmonton and Lethbridge 44 degrees below zero.—*The Times* Correspondent.

AMERICAN CRIME WAVE.

50,000 DOLLARS STOLEN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

England is not alone in its epidemic of robberies and burglaries.

The record of crimes here during September, October and November include 13 safe burglaries, with a total loss of 45,000 dols.; 74 store department burglaries, with a loss of 154,000 dols.; 67 smashing of jewellers' shop windows, with a loss of 39,000 dols.; 41 "sneak" thefts, with a loss of 65,000 dols., and 38 "hold ups," in which the total losses declared are over 330,000 dols. The full list of burglaries and robberies during this period is given as 233, with a total loss to the victims of over 622,000 dols.

In New York city itself 16 "hold ups" were recorded in the period and 4 big safe robberies, in which booty valued over 200,000 dols. disappeared.

EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT.

TO BE DISSOLVED THIS WEEK.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAIRO, Thursday.

It is expected that a Royal Decree will be issued before the end of the week dissolving Parliament. The Cabinet came to a final decision in the matter to-day.

Hassanein Bey, the First Secretary to the Egyptian Legation at Washington, has been appointed First Secretary in London in place of Mahmoud Sabet Bey, who has been transferred to Rome.

Hassanein is well known as an explorer, and accompanied Miss Rosita Forbes on her recent expedition.

Mr. Tatton Brown, Sub-Director of the General Customs Administration, will be appointed Director-General, succeeding Mr. Macauley, who retired early this year. It was generally anticipated that the post would be offered to an Egyptian.

GERMAN CRISIS.

NEW CABINET NOT YET FORMED.

BERLIN, Thursday.

No advance was made to-day towards the formation of a Cabinet. Since the refusal of Herr Stresemann to proceed, in the face of the present opposition, President Ebert has taken no further step.

Herr Marx held conversations to-day with the party leaders, with a view to making a new attempt to form a Government of the Middle parties, but completely failed. He will visit President Ebert to-morrow.

The Bavarian People's Party has declared against it, and has passed a resolution definitely ranging itself on the side of the Bourgeois *bloc*. This, however, still lacks the support of the Centre, without which it also is impossible.—*The Times* Correspondent.

"RUM" SMUGGLING.

UNITED STATES MAY PROTEST TO CANADA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

VANCOUVER, Thursday.

Serious international complications between the United States and Canada are feared as a result of the stream of liquor now being smuggled to the United States from this port.

Despatches received here from the United States quote the prohibition enforcement officers as saying that liquor valued at ten million dollars is arriving every month in California, Washington, and Oregon, all of it shipped from Canada. Reports compiled by the same officers give the grand total of this year's bootlegging operations as 120,000,000 dollars.

It is freely admitted here that Vancouver is the base for this huge trade in liquor. However, as the exportation of liquor from British Columbia is permitted by law, the hands of Canadian Customs and other officials are tied.

The usual procedure employed in transporting the Canadian liquor to America's western shore is by way of a system of signals between small boats, which come out from shore to meet the larger craft. While the rum-chasers occasionally catch these smaller boats, it is practically impossible to stop the traffic.

TO SHOOT KRASSIN.

RUSSIAN WOMAN'S STATEMENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

Mrs. Dickson, *née* Egorievna, the Russian who was recently arrested outside the Russian Embassy with a loaded revolver in her pocket, to-day appeared before the examining magistrate. She stated at the time of her arrest that she intended to shoot Krassin, the Soviet Envoy, as many of her relations had been killed by the Bolshevicks. When confronted this afternoon with Brunnel, the police inspector who took her into custody, she gave such a rambling and confused account of her life as to suggest that she was mentally unbalanced. The magistrate gave instructions that she should be examined by a mental specialist.—(Reuter.)

WHO ARE THE HONEST MEN?

CLERGYMEN AND JOURNALISTS HEAD THE LIST.

With the idea of finding out where the most honest men may be found an American magazine recently made a test on the lines of the "straw" ballot used at the last general election.

A letter with a dollar bill enclosed was sent out to one hundred men throughout the United States. The letter explained that the dollar was sent "in adjustment of the error complained of in our account."

Thirty-eight replied to the letter, and twenty-eight returned the money.

Some of the results are as follow:—

	Dollars sent out.	Returned.	Per Cent.
Clergymen	9	6	66
Journalists	7	3	43
Teachers	12	4	33
Business Men	37	10	29
Lawyers	11	1	9
Scientists	11	0	0

It is suggested that scientists are so low in the list owing to their legendary absent-mindedness.

THE MATCH DANGER.

HOUSE SET ON FIRE WHILE LOOKING FOR MEDICINE.

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO, Thursday.

Five persons—two adults and three children—have been burned to death, and several others seriously injured, in a fire which destroyed a house on the Six Nation Indian Reserve, near here. Sixteen persons were in the house when the fire was started by a boy who lit a match during the night in order to find some medicine for his little brother.—(Reuter.)

LATE NEWS.

THE EVACUATION OF COLOGNE.

BRITISH TO REMAIN FOR THE PRESENT.

The Times, in a leading article upon the subject of the evacuation of Cologne, the date of which was conditionally fixed for January 10th next, observes:—The Germans in the Rhineland and in Berlin have been closely observing the actions of the British military authorities in Cologne, have been speculating freely, and have been drawing their own conclusions. Our Rhineland Correspondent notes that the German population along the Rhine is eagerly discussing the subject, and is disposed to find in the very uncertainty material for party controversy. To some extent that uncertainty has now been removed by the statement made yesterday by Lord Curzon in answer to a question in the House of Lords. At least he made one fact quite clear—the British troops will not evacuate Cologne so soon as January 10th.

For the present then, the British troops will remain in Cologne. There is certainly no particular desire in this country that our troops should continue indefinitely to occupy alien territory. This sort of occupation is by no means the most directly profitable way of employing the defensive forces of the nation. In the general Allied endeavour to secure the proper execution of the terms of the Versailles Treaty, it does, however, happen, owing to a conjunction of dates, that the brunt falls at this moment upon Great Britain through our occupation of Cologne. What will happen when the report of the Control Commission is actually completed will depend, no doubt, on the nature of the report itself. Obviously, no one of the Allied Governments is eager at present to press the German Government too hard, or to insist on demands that cannot reasonably be carried out. The Dawes scheme has created a new atmosphere, but in order that this new atmosphere may favour the growth of mutual understanding and confidence, it is incumbent upon the German Government to remove every occasion for uneasiness. The persistence of the military spirit in Germany does cause real uneasiness in all the Allied countries. If the report of the Control Commission were to confirm the rumours that Germany, or a powerful organisation in Germany, is still intent on systematic preparation for war, then the Allied peoples would find themselves compelled, very much against their will, to maintain precautionary measures.

In the present uncertainty, British troops must stay on for a time in Cologne. The best that can be hoped is that the German Government may be able to take such measures in regard to its own military organisation as will make evacuation possible before long.

FIRST TEST - MATCH.

M.C.C. V. AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, Friday.

AUSTRALIA.

W. Bardsley not out	5
H. L. Collins not out	2
Extras	3
Total (for no wkt.)	10

—(Reuter.)

THE ABANDONED DEBATE.

LAST OF THE CAMPBELL CASE.

There is not, after all, to be a debate this morning on the action of the new Cabinet in exercising the instruction of its predecessor, that no political prosecution should be directed by the Attorney-General without the previous sanction of the Cabinet, states *The Times*. Since Mr. Macdonald first gave notice there has been a good deal of furious thinking on all sides about the desirability of a debate of this kind, in which episodes of the past would be resurrected and Cabinet secrets might be revealed. A number of consultations took place between the Prime Minister and Sir Douglas Hogg and Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Thomas, as a result of which it was found possible to hammer out yesterday the form of a question and answer which would be satisfactory to both sides.

The debate has accordingly been dropped, and it was generally hoped last night that the last has now been heard of the Campbell case.

IMPERIAL TRADE POLICY.

DIFFERENT VIEWS.

The *Daily Telegraph*, referring to the Imperial trade policy, says:—The Government clearly intends to fulfil its election pledge to assist home and inter-Imperial trade. Their proposals merely represent a determination to develop the family estate, on which, as its production is encouraged by the sales of increasing quantities of produce, an ever-growing population can be settled. In the last analysis the Government's policy is one of home-making—home-making overseas; for as the sales of Empire-grown food and other things in this country rise, so the outward flow of settlers will increase. In this manner a contribution will be made at one and the same time to the settlement of our own problem of over-population and the Dominions of under-population.

The *Daily News* foresees by the adoption of Protection proposals pitfalls and obstacles in the pathway of the British Government. The chaos in trade will be indescribable, the burden upon consumers and taxpayers intolerable. We do not for a moment believe, says the *Daily News*, that the nation will take lying down so shameful a betrayal of its trust, and it is our firm conviction that, if the Government proceeds with the measure on the lines indicated by Mr. Baldwin, its life will be appreciably shortened, its great majority broken up, and the unity of its party once more split in twain on this historic issue.

The *Daily Chronicle* says:—In making low wages or long hours in a foreign country an excuse for Protection here the Conservative Party shows once more its point of view. Whatever be the Labour attitude, the Liberal view is here the opposite of the Conservative. The Conservative believes in the efficiency of low wages. The Liberal believes in the efficiency of high wages. The only way in which our people can get high wages is for them to work in flourishing industries, with a high value of output *per* man. Free Trade favours such a condition, because it enables our industries to obtain their materials and other requisites in the freest manner possible, and at the same time secures "most favoured nation" treatment for our goods in foreign markets.

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM INGRAM.

The Times announces that Sir William Ingram, Bart., son of the founder of the *Illustrated London News*, died yesterday at his residence at Westgate-on-Sea in his seventy-eighth year. The father was born of humble parentage at Boston, Lincolnshire, where he set up as a printer, later coming to London. William and his brother, Charles, succeeded the father in the management of the *Illustrated London News*. In 1874 Mr. William Ingram, as he then was, was elected M.P. for Boston, but the election was voided. Later he, however, sat for the constituency as a Gladstonian Liberal.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT.

TOKIO, Thursday.

After his formal installation to-day as the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira referred to his experiences at Washington at the Disarmament Conference. He said that he admired the American delegation and the frank and fair way in which they handled a most complicated situation.

"It seems clear to me," the Ambassador added, "that our two nations are destined to stand together to preserve the peace of the Pacific region, and by this co-operation to make a great contribution to the general welfare of the world."

Blackmail is quite as bad morally as murder.—Sir Ernest Wild.

REGISTRATION OF THE TREATY.

A FRENCH VIEW.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S "PRUDENCE."

PARIS, Thursday.

Discussing the British Government's refusal to regard Article 18 of the Covenant of the League of Nations as applying to the Anglo-Irish Treaty registered with the Secretariat of the League by the Irish Free State, "Pertinax" writes in the *Echo de Paris*:—

"Mr. Chamberlain acts as a prudent and far-seeing man. But by definition the States that are members of the League of Nations enjoy a legal personality. A double dilemma is thus presented. Either the British Dominions are Powers comparable with all others and not dependent in any way on the British Crown and the Parliament of Westminster, and are entitled to speak and vote in their own name, or they are satellites of Great Britain, and in that case their voices and their votes must be merged in the voice and in the vote of the Imperial Cabinet.

"Any other solution is nothing but deception, untruth, or juridical subleties. Such deception, untruth, or juridical subleties cannot be tolerated without great inconvenience."

"What," asks the writer, "would Geneva say if Germany claimed to enter the League, escorted by her eighteen States, and even at some time or other escorted by Austria, as she might very well claim under some Treaty of Alliance drawn up on the British model? The lesson to be drawn from the whole affair is that, constituted as she is at present, Great Britain cannot lend herself to the experiment of a League of Nations accomplishing its specific task, however small, save at the peril of her Empire."—(Reuter.)

POSITION IN MOROCCO.

OPTIMISTIC SPANISH OFFICIAL VIEW.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday.

An official telegram from Madrid, dated the 17th inst., received by the Spanish Embassy in London, states that the rectification of the lines in Morocco has now been accomplished, all available forces having been concentrated on and behind this new boundary of territory in permanent military occupation.

The withdrawal has been satisfactorily and skilfully carried out, in a manner exceeding all expectations by its success. The casualties, although regrettable, have been few in proportion to the magnitude of the enterprise carried out, while severe punishment has been inflicted on the enemy.

The change of plan, now an accomplished fact, has allowed the suppression of about 300 posts, which were always exposed to blockades and raids, besides permitting the Government to disband immediately more than 30,000 men, composing the 1921 class.

There now remains to be carried out the consolidation of the new line, and the zone in the rear, and there may be difficulties to be overcome, which will be the consequence of the Government's radical change in military tactics and policy.

BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION.

RETURNING FROM RUSSIA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The British Trade Union Delegation, headed by Mr. Purcell, comes back from Russia, as was clearly revealed during its brief halt at Berlin to-day, thoroughly unrepentant and eager to get to grips with its critics in England. The delegation has drafted its report on its visit to Russia, and it claims that it will furnish a complete answer to criticism.

Mr. G. B. Shaw's recent letter to a Moscow newspaper, one gathers, has caused great disappointment among his numerous Russian disciples. Several Moscow papers have suggested that his plays are not suitable dramatic fare for the Russian *proletariat*.

The delegates expect to arrive in London to-morrow afternoon.

THE FRENCH DEBT.

VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

WASHINGTON Thursday.

The report that the French Government intends to open a discussion on the question of funding the French debt to Great Britain, has evoked a prediction from the Treasury that the United States will likewise insist upon equal treatment being accorded to both countries.

No announcement has been made of any diplomatic move, but the Treasury officials were of the opinion that it was obvious that the United States should expect a settlement from France, when France was making one with Great Britain.

It was added that there was no reason why a militant attitude should be adopted here, since the French representative had already conferred with Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject.—(Reuter.)

AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

BIG INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF AMERICAN GOODS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SYDNEY, Thursday.

There is evidence that the Commonwealth authorities are making an organised effort to promote trade between Australia and the United States. It is expected that the visit of the American Fleet will give a stimulus to this movement.

Several principals of American banks and big business corporations are now visiting Australia, exploring the possibilities of the market. The Commonwealth Board of Trade draws attention to the great disparity between the imports and exports of the two countries, showing that Australia last year bought goods from the United States to the value of nearly five times those of Australian exports to the United States.

There was an increase in United States imports of nearly $50,000,000 over the previous year. The principal increases were:—Motor cars $20,000,000, timber $7,000,000, oils $7,000,000, tobacco $5,000,000, and tyres $3,000,000.

Officials here state that the trade must be less one-sided if it is to rest on a permanent basis, and that the United States must take more of Australia's raw materials, which form the country's main products.

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COMMERCIAL MEN CONFIDENT.

THE FREE STATE'S FUTURE.

NOT A TIME FOR PESSIMISM.

A large company, representative of the insurance and commercial interests in Dublin and across the Channel, assembled at a dinner in the Shelbourne Hotel last night to mark the occasion of the removal of the Irish Free State offices of the Friends' Provident and Century Life Office and Century Insurance Company, Limited, to Friends' Provident Buildings, College Green.

Among the speakers were Mr. Robert H. Marsh, London, Deputy-Chairman of the Board, who presided; Deputy William Hewat, Mr. David Barry, and others, all of whom expressed confidence in the future of the Free State.

MINISTERS PRAISED.

OPINIONS ON TAXATION.

The Chairman, proposing the toast of "The Governor-General and Ministers of the Irish Free State," said that there were few, if any, who could fill the place in the British House of Commons that had been left by the Governor-General. It would be presumption on the part of any Englishman to dare to challenge his exceptional ability and brilliant wit.

Regarding the Ministers of the Free State, he said they all knew the very difficult work they had carried out with courage and ability, that had won the admiration of on-lookers of very widely different views. What one envied that Government was its youth; at any rate, their eyes were not dimmed, and they might trust that with their faces undimmed, and with the guiding stars clearly in sight, it might be theirs to steer the ship of State to earn the gratitude of lovers of freedom in years to come.

Proposing the toast of "The Irish Free State," the Chairman added that, in his view, the task that Mr. Griffith and Mr. Collins undertook, and the task that fell on Mr. Cosgrave and his colleagues, was herculean, and the measure of their success would be realised only when their difficulties would be partly realised. Here was a case where a country must be left to work out its own salvation. It seemed to him that what the Free State needed was effort, more than words.

BUSINESS MAN'S DEPUTY.

Deputy William Hewat, responding, observed that amongst the apologies for absence he noticed there were some from Ministers, and he regretted their absence, because at present nothing would help more than to have Ministers to come and explain the work that was being carried on by them.

He was proud to be a member of the Dail, where he had received unvarying and invariable courtesy from every member. Referring to the trade of the country, he said that it was undoubtedly in a difficult position, and traders were in a pessimistic mood as regards the outlook. He would like to combat that frame of mind. Depression was world-wide, and the Free State was established when that depression was in existence.

The way to solve these difficulties was not by sitting down and bemoaning the condition of affairs which they would wish otherwise, but by putting their backs to the wall and striving to better the conditions as they found them. A real effort was needed on the part of everybody.

When everyone recognised that obligation they would be getting on the road to a more prosperous future and a more settled condition of things. He paid tribute to the able administration of the Government, and said that their achievement was remarkable. People generally should recognise their responsibilities and demand that the feuds of the past should not be continued into the future. He thought that they might look to the future with hope. The people had the power to demand good Government and they should not sit apathetically by and see things go wrong.

IRISH TAXATION.

Mr. David Barry, who also responded, said that he thought that the thanks of the business community of Dublin were due to "The Friends' Provident Century Office" for giving them the opportunity of taking stock. For thirty years they had been led to believe that this country was over-taxed by Great Britain to the tune of three millions a year, when income tax was 9d. in the £. To-day it was 5s. in the £, and the bubble had been burst once and for all of over-taxation in this country. It was very little wonder that their income tax was 5s. in the £, and their postage 2d., when they considered that they were paying in pensions to-day millions of money to men who were well able to carry on. When he saw applause being passed to men for heroic deeds in 1916, he had no hesitation in saying that the business people performed heroic deeds in carrying on the business of this country under the conditions of the time.

Education, said Mr. Barry, was the only thing to save them from financial ruin. They had got to admit the fact that the one market for Ireland's agricultural produce was Great Britain, and, therefore, they should announce that night that it was in the interests of every individual in this country to do everything possible to increase the trade with Great Britain. He was still an optimist, and believed that the good will of the Irish people would prevail, and that very soon.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Mr. Charles Howell (Standard Life Office) proposed the toast of "The Friends' Provident and Century Life Office and the Century Insurance Company, Ltd.," and, having spoken of the progress of the company in this country, expressed faith in its continued success in the future.

Mr. Henry J. Tapscott (general manager, "F. P. and Co.") responding, said that they had received great encouragement from Mr. W. A. McConnell in connection with their business in the Free State, and had not been disappointed.

Mr. John R. Little (general manager, "Century") also responded.

The toast of "other companies" was proposed by Mr. Alfred Moorhouse, and responded to by Mr. W. A. R. Cruise and Mr. Poulter; and the toast of "our guests" was proposed by Mr. William A. McConnell, and replied to by Senator Sir T. H. Grattan Esmonde and Mr. Arthur H. S. Orpen.

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM JAMES MEGAW.

The death is announced of Mr. William James Megaw, in his ninety-first year, at his residence, Main street, Ballymoney. A member of a firm established over a century ago, Mr. Megaw had ceased only within the past five years to take an active interest in business. In 1877 he became a member of the Ballymoney Municipal Board, and for thirty-four years he was its chairman. He retired from that office in 1920. Mr. Megaw was an uncle of Mr. R. B. Megaw, K.C., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

TELEPHONE FROM LONDON TO BERLIN.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

BERLIN, Thursday.

With reference to the trial of a direct telephone via Emden, between London and Berlin, which was made on Tuesday, it is stated that the results obtained were better than any hitherto secured in the various tests which have been made in direct telephoning via Holland, but, it would seem, any regular direct service is out of the question in the immediate future.

The London Correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung* was invited by the officials of the General Post Office, London, to talk to his paper in Berlin at a pre-arranged hour. It was then agreed between the *Vossische Zeitung* and its London Correspondent that a passage of 100 words from a leading article which had appeared in the paper a week before should be read over the telephone. The actual reading of the passage was made by the lady secretary of the Correspondent, while the listener in Berlin followed the passage from a copy of the newspaper.—(Reuter.)

Mr. Stanley Bruce, the Prime Minister of Australia, is in favour of the immigrants from South Europe being subjected to a close medical examination.

UNREST IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ZULU CHIEF COLLECTS MONEY FOR ARMS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAPETOWN, Thursday.

The Government is evidently alarmed by reports of native troubles from two quarters.

Large forces of police have been sent to Rehoboth, in South-West Africa, where a conflict between the white and coloured communities seems imminent. The Rehoboths, who are a half-caste tribe, backed by Herero criminal gangs, are demanding a republic.

Some time ago they laid their case before the League of Nations.

In Zululand a powerful chief has been collecting money "for churches," which the authorities now learn was used for buying arms and ammunition.

FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PROTECTORATES.

GENERAL HERTZOG'S VIEWS.

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday.

The Pretoria Correspondent of the *Cape Times* sends an account of an interview with "prominent Nationalist politicians," embodying "what may be safely regarded as the Government view of the suggested incorporation within the Union of the native territories."

He says that General Hertzog is greatly astonished at the assumption that the absorption of the territories has been decided upon, as the question has not even been discussed.

All that has been done at present has been to listen to the views of a deputation claiming to represent the opinions of the white settlers and the majority of the natives in the Bechuanaland.

General Hertzog has expressed his sympathy with the request that the Protectorate be administered by the Union, and his personal view that the time is ripe for "considering" this and the future of Swaziland.

General Hertzog also promised the deputation to "sound" the Imperial Government, without giving any undertaking about the time or manner of "sounding," though the correspondent understands that steps have been taken to ascertain the views of the Imperial Government. Thus the initiative came from Bechuanaland, not from General Hertzog.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

MISSING PROPERTY FOUND.

DETECTIVES' DISCOVERY IN A DWELLINGHOUSE.

The case in which a detective stated that £3,000 worth of property had been found, again came before the magistrate at the Lambeth (London) Police Court yesterday, when Joseph Betts and John Rosling appeared on charges of unlawful possession. The accused were now also charged with being concerned in stealing and receiving 698 gold watches and 6,486 watch cases, to the value of £5,000, the property of the Holborn Watch Case Company, Goswell road.

Detective Inspector Wright gave evidence that he and other officers searched the house at Kennington where Betts lived, and took possession of a large quantity of property, which was identified by the prosecutors. Betts, when questioned, said that he bought 400 of the watches about six months ago from a man at Houndsditch, the price working out at eleven shillings each. Asked if he knew the man's name and address, Betts replied no, but that he would know him again. Rosling, when questioned, said that he got the watches from Mr. Betts to sell for him. Betts told him that he gave 25s. each for them, and he (Rosling) was to have 5s. each for himself. He was foolish to have had them off Betts, as he could get them through the trade for 22s.

When formally charged Betts made no statement, but Rosling said, "I am innocent of this."

The case was adjourned for fourteen days.

MODERN ENGINEERING PROBLEMS.

PRINCE AND MOTOR TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT.

Proposing the toast of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at that body's annual dinner in London last night, the Prince of Wales said that their first President, George Stephenson, and his contemporaries would be astonished at the calm way in which we accepted as a matter of course the wonderful mechanical devices which transported us from place to place by land or sea or air, and the all-bewildering machinery that was being used to produce the component parts of those devices out of masses of raw metal. It was not superfluous, he thought, to draw attention to the need for controlling the nation's mechanical resources and for training and maintaining at a high level of efficiency a body of men who could be trusted to handle all those marvellous modern developments of mechanical engineering, and who were capable of improving them. The latter was a specially important point, for mechanical engineering, even less than any other science, could not afford to stand still. The demands made upon it by the human race were endless, and every stride forward brought a new set of problems.

They need only walk into the street to see how astonishingly the rapid development of motor transport had created a traffic problem which could only be solved by some further effort of mechanical ingenuity.

Responding for His Majesty's Ministers, Lord Salisbury said that he was sure every Government was very glad that, at any rate, Cabinet deliberations were kept secret.

Lord Derby—Oh!

Proceeding, Lord Salisbury said that he had been very anxious to know what went on in the Cabinet during the last few months, but in spite of Lord Derby's sneer—(Lord Derby—"No, no")—those secrets had been maintained.

Lord Derby expressed the belief that British industry was in a fair way to recovery.

NEW DEPARTURE IN VIVISECTION.

EDUCATION BY MOTION PICTURES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

An effort to supplant the dissection of living animals by motion picture education—making one vivisection do the work hitherto done by thousands—has been successfully undertaken by the Paris Sorbonne.

The experiment has been made following out the wishes of the City Council of Paris, who voted a credit for the filming of vivisection in the hope of saving the lives of many animals. Professor Lapicq, the famous physiologist of the University of Paris, supervised the film, which was taken in his own operating amphitheatre, one of the students vivisecting a dog exactly as it is carried out ordinarily before the rest of the class, while the professor explained the organisms and their functions. The subject of the film was heart-beats. A big shepherd dog was anæsthetised first by morphine and afterwards by chloral, after which the demonstration proceeded. The camera was placed directly above the operating table, and every detail of the operation filmed, the officials declaring that it was a complete success.

The Sorbonne is now considering the use of films for all "type" vivisections—operations which have hitherto been performed a hundred times during the school year—in order to teach medical students the ordinary organisation of animal organisms. The film departure will, it is considered, reduce vivisection to the smallest possible minimum, but the professors of the Sorbonne are united in informing the City Council that vivisection cannot be suppressed entirely, as research demands living animals.

ALLOCUTION BY THE POPE.

RUSSIAN COMMUNISM CONDEMNED.

REUNION WITH EASTERN CHURCHES.

ROME, Thursday.

The Pope held a secret Consistory to-day, and delivered an Allocution.

The most important passage dealt with the attitude of the Holy See towards Russia. His Holiness said the return of the Papal Relief Mission sent to Russia, where it did splendid work, was a cause of grief to him, but he added, "We have decided to continue as much as possible to help needy Russians in Russia and elsewhere."

"By instituting, however, the work of relief for the benefit of the Russian people," the Allocution proceeded, "We do not intend in any way to favour a system of government which We are far from approving. Indeed, after having the long time with all Our heart and strength tried to relieve the immense sufferings of that people We believe it Our duty to exhort all, especially the men in power, who love peace and the sanctity of the human family and human dignity, to make every effort to fight the very grave dangers and certain injuries coming from Socialism and Communism.

"This, however, must not effect Our dutiful solicitude in elevating the conditions of the workers and all humble people in general."

CHRISTIAN RE-UNION.

The Pontiff urged the faithful throughout the world to join him in prayers during the Holy Year in order that God may enlighten the men in power on this subject.

Another important passage in the Allocution dealt with the fourth meeting of the Association of St. Cyril and St. Methodius, celebrated last July, at Welehrad (?), Belgrade, aiming at uniting all the Oriental peoples detached from the Catholic Church, from which they separated in the Ninth Century. For this reason the ancient Slav liturgy was preserved unchanged.

HOLLAND, CHINA AND AMERICA.

The Pope spoke in laudatory tones of the various Congresses, especially the Eucharistic Congress at Amsterdam, which to its usual splendour added the special characteristic that it was celebrated in a city that was prevailingly non-Catholic, though its citizens, following the noble example of their august Queen, respectfully attended the magnificent demonstration of the Catholic faith.

His Holiness recalled the first Plenary Council in China, held at Shanghai, and foresaw a great development of the Catholic faith in the Far East as a result of the work and blood expended there by bishops and missionaries.

His Holiness also dealt with the Congress of the Holy Name Association, held in Washington, at which President Coolidge made a speech emphasising the respect due to the Name of God, condemning blasphemy, and laying stress on the Divine foundation of every human authority.

PRESS LIBEL CASE.

UNFORTUNATE CHOICE OF NAMES.

In the King's Bench Division, London, yesterday, before Lord Darling, a settlement was announced in the action of Cohen and Cohen, solicitors, against the *Sphere and Tatler*, Ltd., Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd., and Mr. Michael Arlen, for alleged libel.

Counsel for plaintiffs said that the article complained of appeared in the *Sphere and Tatler*, and in this article Messrs. Cohen and Cohen, a firm of solicitors of high standing in London, were mentioned by name as being people who might fitly be described as divorce contractors, who would arrange collusive divorce for people.

Counsel for defendants said that the article was a work of pure fiction, and the name of Cohen and Cohen was put into the article purely at random. He expressed his clients' sincere regret and apologies, and withdrew any imputations that had been made on the character and reputation of plaintiffs.

His Lordship said he was glad that the defendants had seen the error of their ways in time. It was perfectly obvious that there were two other people, who, if they had condescended to do it might also have brought an action to recover damages against the defendants. It seemed to him to be a most outrageous publication, and he hoped that this would be a warning to them not to indulge in such a class of humour again.

A PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

PROTEST AGAINST U.S. SENATOR'S RESOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Senator Britten to-day introduced a resolution proposing a conference of the White Nations bordering on the Pacific, in spite of the protest of a number of his colleagues, including some members from the Pacific coast.

The resolution stirred up a minor storm in Congress. Mr. Johnson, who is Chairman of the House Immigration Committee, declared that the proposal was untimely and ill-advised.

Mr. Britten later stated that the Secretary of State for the Navy and naval experts had made observations which he construed as meaning that Japan was making war preparations against the United States, and asked: "Is there anything wrong with us doing the same?"

At this point Mr. French, Chairman of the Committee that framed the Naval Appropriations Bill, broke into the debate with a strong denial, stating that there had never been any suggestion that it was believed that Japan was preparing for war against the United States.

Mr. Britten further announced that he would introduce a resolution which would force an investigation of the relative condition of the American Navy.—(Reuter.)

CANADIAN PROSPERITY.

CHEAPER LIVING THAN IN UNITED STATES.

OTTAWA, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, addressing a meeting of Eastern Ontario Liberals to-day spoke of the general improvement in Canada during the past two years in matters of trade, employment, and the general prosperity of the people.

The employment index figure of the Labour Department, he said, had increased from 88.7 per cent. to 93 per cent. While 62 per cent of the farms in the United States were owned by their occupants and 38 per cent. were tenanted, in Canada 92 per cent. were owned by their occupants and 8 per cent were tenanted.

With reference to the cost of living, Mr. Low said the prices were universally higher in the United States than in Canada. The average cost of living weekly in Canada for a family of five for foodstuffs was 8 dollars 70 cents., as compared with 10 dollars 46 cents. in the United States. The controllable expenditure was now only 14,000,000 dollars greater than in 1914, in spite of an increase of at least 50 per cent. in the average cost of the services.—(Reuter.)

"FIGHT OR QUIET."

INDIAN'S VIEWS ON LIMITED FRANCHISE IN NATAL.

DURBAN, Thursday.

The assent of the Governor-General to the Natal Boroughs Ordinance, which forbids the adding of further Indians to the electoral roll, has aroused instant opposition amongst Indians, who announce their intention of carrying a test case as far as the Privy Council if necessary. One prominent Indian declared that "fight or quiet" must be the Indian's motto.—(Reuter.)

GIFTS.
Grand assortment beautiful Gifts at the Christmas Fair, 40 Upper O'Connell street, near Rotunda.—(Advt.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE DEATH-RATE.—The annual death-rate in Britain last week averaged 12.1 per thousand.

THEATRES AND "WIRELESS."—The Theatrical Managers' Association has recommended its members not to book any play of which any portion is "broadcasted."

SEEKING KNOWLEDGE. — As a result of publicity, 10,000 letters of inquiry have been received in a year regarding the opportunities provided by the London County Council for continued education.

LOSSES IN TOBACCO. — John Christiforides, cigarette-maker of High Holborn, W.C., in the Bankruptcy Court, London, stated that he lost £120,098 in a single year owing to adverse rates of exchange and foreign duties.

DECLINE IN TRADE UNIONS.—Sir A. Steel-Maitland (Minister of Labour) stated in Parliament that the membership of trade unions in Great Britain and Northern Ireland was approximately 5,405,000 at the end of 1923, compared with 8,336,000 at the end of 1920.

CURES FOR CLERGYMEN.—Cheaper "cures" and cheaper hotel accommodation are being offered at Bath, for a period of three months, to clergymen and ministers and their wives. All the baths will be available at half the usual prices.

A GLASGOW DISPUTE.—As a sequel to a nose-pulling incident at Glasgow Town Council meeting in November, James Miller, a city magistrate, and Thomas Kerr, a city councillor, have raised counter actions in the Glasgow Sheriff Court, each claiming £75 damages.

MURDER VERDICT AGAINST MOTOR BANDITS.—At the resumed inquest yesterday at Birmingham on Mrs. Gertrude Smith, who was run down and killed by a motor car, used by some men who raided a jeweller's shop in November, a verdict was returned of murder against three persons unknown.

KING'S GIFT OF ORGAN.—The King is having a new organ installed at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace. It is hoped that he will inaugurate its use early in the New Year. Sir Walter Parratt and other authorities were consulted on the problem of combining excellence of quality with a strict limitation of size.

GLORIFICATION OF WAR CONDEMNED.—"All glorification of the war as an institution for the betterment of humanity should be removed from the public school books of Ontario, and in its stead human brotherhood and the independence of nations be stressed." This resolution was passed by the United Farmers of Ontario yesterday.

GAS SUICIDE BY CANDLELIGHT.—A remarkable circumstance of suicide by gas poisoning at Blackburn was that in the bedroom in which William Cowell, 47, Portland street, died with the end of a gas tube in his mouth, the gas tap being full on, a candle was burning in the room. The Coroner said it was a wonder there was not an explosion.

MARRIAGE SAVINGS STOLEN. — A Burnley young man, James Edward Tomlinson, of Hollingreave road, is the victim of the latest burglary in the town, and much sympathy will be extended to him as the £130 stolen from his parents' home was money with which he was going to furnish his own home. He had arranged to be married shortly.

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.—By an order of Privy Council, Earl Balfour and the Right Hon. William Graham, M.P., have been appointed to the vacancies in the membership of the Medical Research Council, caused by the retirement of the Right Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., and Mr. A. G. Church. Lord Balfour has accepted the chairmanship of the Medical Research Council.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.—Departing from precedent, Mr. Hughes, the United States Secretary of State, has issued a formal statement taking notice of the appointment of Mr. Matsudaria as the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, and welcoming him to the country, as a step towards further cementing the friendship between Tokio and Washington.

A FAMILIAR FIGURE GONE.—Many generations of undergraduates will learn with regret of the death of Edward Capel Coe, head-porter of Trinity College, Cambridge. He first entered the services of the College in 1866, and became head porter in 1895, and had therefore occupied that position for nearly 30 years. He received a tie-pin from King George after the Army manœuvres of 1912.

AMERICAN RAILWAY AMALGAMATION. — A Reuter message from New York says that approval has been given by the Executive Committee of the Pere Marquette Railway Company to the terms of its proposed incorporation in the nickel plate system. This approval has virtually assured the completion of the billion-and-a-half dollars merger, which involves also the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Hocking Valley Railroads.

ELIGIBLE AT FIFTY.—Mr. Mackenzie-King, Canada's bachelor Premier, who celebrated his 50th birthday on Wednesday, has been presented by the Liberals of Eastern Ontario with a gold watch. In accepting it the Premier said that before opening the parcel he hoped it might contain a wedding ring. "I hope the ladies will realise," he added, "that in passing from the forties to the fifties I have not ceased to be an eligible bachelor. I have not yet given up hope."—(Reuter.)

FOXES AS LIVE STOCK. — The Canadian National Express are to land at Glasgow next week a further 35 live foxes. Four years ago Major Hannington, a Canadian barrister and naturalist, brought over eight pairs of foxes from Prince Edward Island, and started a fur farm at Alness, Rosshire. His experiment proved so successful that foxes were also shipped from Canada to other parts of Scotland and the North of England. Recently Captain Robertson started a farm in Oxfordshire, while one has been in existence at Bexhill-on-Sea for a year.

AERIAL FEATS.—A thrilling feat was witnessed at Belville (Illinois) in connection with the experiment to test the possibilities of collaboration between different types of air-craft in flight. At a height of 1,500 feet an aeroplane carrying two pilots succeeded in hooking itself on to a small trapeze suspended from an airship, and later in detaching itself and resuming its flight. This follows upon the successful launching of an aeroplane from an American battleship by means of a catapult discharged by gunpowder, now used for the first time, instead of compressed air.

BAPTIST MINISTER AS SPIRITUALIST. — "I have come to believe from many startling psychical experiences in the reality of the spirit world, where beings of finer texture than ourselves develop their lives." So said the Rev. Frederic Spurr, pastor of a Birmingham Baptist church. Speaking as a healthy, full-blooded man, he said, with a severe mathematical training, temperamentally sceptical, and fully acquainted with conjuring and black magic, he suggested that the Churches ought to find a place for the evidence produced in recent years regarding psychic manifestations.

A BOLTON KINEMA FAILURE.—The proprietor of a Bolton picture house stated at a meeting of creditors at Manchester that the charges of admission to picture houses at Bolton ranged from 3d. to 1s. 3d., including tax. There were no higher prices in the town. For months past matinées had been run at reduced charges of 3d. and 6d., and this had affected the evening business. Seventy-five per cent. of the audiences in the afternoons consisted of men. Bolton was a flourishing town, commercially and industrially, but from the picture point of view it was one of the worst places in the country.

CHURCH BURNT DOWN. — The Newquay Congregational Church, built in 1888, was burnt down on Wednesday night, the estimated damage being about £5,000. The fire was discovered shortly before eleven o'clock, and the Newquay Fire Brigade was soon on the scene, and did splendid work in saving the adjoining buildings. The whole interior of the church was destroyed, including the organ, where it is supposed the fire originated. Last year the church was renovated at a cost of about £1,500. During the evening the induction of the new pastor, the Rev. E. W. Bremmer, late of Lewes, took place, when the church was filled.

The death has occurred at San Francisco of Mr. Julius Kahn, a member of the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Lloyd George's grand-daughters, Miss Valerie Lloyd George and Miss Margaret Carey Evans, acted as train bearers yesterday afternoon to Miss Agnes Hepburn McAlpine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hepburn McAlpine, of Nutfield, who married Mr. James Mann, formerly of the Cameronians, son of Sir John Mann, of Reigate, at St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont street, Chelsea.

THE UNATTAINABLE.
How often the things we desire most are quite beyond our reach. Especially is this the case with clothes. The most beautiful Gowns are usually dreadfully expensive.
But there is one place where the "Unattainable" may be reached—that's Marieen Salons, 114 Stephen's Green. The Frocks and Gowns at Marieen are the loveliest in the city, and prices are very reasonable.—(Advt.)

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

THE SUGAR BEET SUBSIDY.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND THE ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

THE CAMPBELL CASE.

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

WESTMINSTER, Thursday.

There were 142 questions on the Order Paper to-day, but they were of very little public interest.

Commander Kenworthy thirsted for a little more information in regard to the Zinovieff letter, and was anxious to learn whether a certain Mr. McManus, who was alleged to be one of the signatories to this now famous document, had been called before the Cabinet Committee to give evidence in support of its authenticity.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain considered that he had said all that was really essential on this matter and refused, in the public interest, to make any further statement. Whether or not Mr. McManus was likely to make a statement was a matter of utter indifference to him.

THE CAMPBELL CASE.

The only real topic of interest came at the end of questions. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, who had given notice of his intention to raise points arising out of the Campbell prosecution, put a private notice question to the Prime Minister in an attempt to elucidate the reason which had led the Government to cancel the instructions that prosecutions of a political character should not be undertaken without the consent of the Cabinet or of the Minister concerned. Mr. Macdonald clearly indicated his view that his action in this respect only followed precedent.

Mr. Baldwin laid it down as a general principle that it was the duty of the Attorney-General to inform himself of all relevant circumstances which might properly affect his judgment. When, however, the proposed prosecution was of such a character as to involve public policy, it was clearly his duty to inform himself of the views of the Government or of the appropriate Minister before coming to a decision. It was, he added, because, in the view of the Government, the instructions referred to went beyond this that they were rescinded by the Cabinet.

Mr. Macdonald evidently considered that this reply gave him all the information he wanted, for he intimated that he did not, as he originally proposed, intend to raise the matter again to-morrow.

Two bills dealing with the law of property were much too technical in their character to invite either criticism or prolonged discussion. They were given a third reading.

Sir Kingsley Wood then, on behalf of the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, moved a resolution to provide that the annual grants payable under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, should continue to be charged on the Consolidated Fund so long as the Act remained in force.

The resolution was passed.

SUGAR BEET.

The next item on the programme was a financial resolution, moved by Mr. E. Wood, the Minister of Agriculture, providing a subsidy, which it was hoped would encourage the growth of sugar beet. In making this proposal the Government, said Mr. Wood, were only adopting a course suggested by the Labour Party when they were in office—an admission which drew loud cheers from the Opposition benches. It was estimated that the subsidy would amount to £530,000 gross this year, less £265,000, the value of the re-imposed Excise duty. These figures would be doubled in the second year. Eight new sugar beet factories were contemplated, of which six probably would be sufficiently advanced to deal with next year's crop.

Mr. Hannon considered that the proposed subsidy would aim a serious blow at the sugar refiners by granting a preference against them of 21s. per cwt., and he moved an amendment to confine the subsidy to raw sugar. He found a supporter in Sir Godfrey Collins, who was inclined to think that some strange influence was at work in this matter of sugar beet, whilst Mr. John Jones warned the Government that, in making this subsidy, they were starting on a somewhat slippery slope.

The amendment, after some further discussion, was withdrawn, and the resolution was carried by 225 votes to 22.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TREATY.

A second reading was given to a bill ratifying the Anglo-Italian Treaty, which, in return for services rendered during the war, cedes to Italy an extent of territory bordering the Juba River, in East Africa.

WELL-KNOWN LONDON CLUB RAIDED.

SEQUEL IN THE POLICE COURT.

A nocturnal raid on Victor's Club, Leicester square, London—one of the best-known West End clubs—had a sequel at Bow street Police Court yesterday, when Luigi Achille Ribuffi, *alias* Victor, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the second division and fined £140; Ernest Alfred Norman was fined £240, and Basil Rex Beeching was fined £36, for selling intoxicants without a licence after permitted hours.

The company running the club, trading as Social Clubs, Ltd., was fined £340, with 90 guineas costs, and the premises were disqualified from being used as a club for twelve months. It was intimated that Ribuffi intended to appeal.

A number of men and women summoned for consuming intoxicants at the club after the permitted hours were fined, the former £5 each and women £2 each.

The prosecution suggested that a company was formed to run the club in order to make the identity of the individuals responsible more difficult to trace. The books showed a net profit of nearly £2,500 in ten weeks, and for the first nine months' trading, counsel said, shareholders would be in a position to be awarded considerably over 100 per cent. dividend. Apart from these offences, the club had been well conducted.

The magistrate said that fines did not deter people from breaking the law in order to make these huge profits out of foolish people.

HANOVER MURDER TRIAL.

PRISONER CONVICTED ON TWENTY-SIX CHARGES.

HANOVER, Thursday.

Fritz Haarmann was to-day found guilty of twenty-six murders during the last six years. The trial had lasted ten days, and had been followed with the keenest interest by students of criminology. The details of these atrocious crimes, all the victims being between twelve and eighteen years of age, were extremely revolting, but the many women who attended the trial refused to comply with the judge's exhortation that they should leave the court. One aspect which was subordinated to the main issue was, nevertheless, proved—namely, that the accused actually sold the flesh of his victims for human consumption.

The medical witnesses declared that the murderer was not insane.

After his conviction, Haarmann asked that the following inscription should be put on his tombstone: "Here rests the mass murderer, Haarmann." He also expressed a desire to pass one merry evening in his cell, and also that his last meal should consist of coffee, hard cheese, and cigars, after which he would curse his father and regard his execution as his wedding.

Extreme hatred of his father seems to have been a dominant passion with him, apparently for the reason that his parent had made strenuous efforts to persuade him to give up his immoral life.—(Reuter.)

FORTNIGHTLY PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE.

WELLINGTON.

A new Pacific mail contract, providing for a fortnightly service from New Zealand, alternating between San Francisco and Vancouver, has been signed with the Union Steamship Company, Limited.

The trans-Pacific run will be limited to eighteen days. Subsidies, amounting to £30,000 per annum in the case of Vancouver and £25,000 in the case of San Francisco, will be paid.—(Reuter.)

MALE CLERICAL OFFICERS.
Limited Competition.
Exam. expected early next year. At the July, 1924, Examination (100 vacancies) Students of SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, obtained 35 Appointments. BEST RESULT.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED FIRM.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Stocks opened strong. There was broad buying of investment shares combined with speculative purchases of Oils and other industrials based on favourable trade news, and lower money rates, and American Can jumped 9 points. Profit-taking in Railroads was in evidence in the last hour, but the market closed firm. Government Bonds easy. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales amounted to 2,050,000 shares. Money on call closed easy at 2¼ per cent. bid and 2½ per cent. asked; actual business ranged from 2¼ to 3 per cent., with the ruling rate 3 per cent.; the last transaction was at 2¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at from 3¾ to 3½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. higher for foreign mined at 67¼.

Rises—Atchison Topeka Common and Reading First Pref., ¼; New York Central and Anglo-American Oil Shares, ⅜; Norfolk and Western Common, Utah Copper and Royal Dutch Petroleum, 1; Southern Railway Shares, ⅞; General Electric, 3½; National Lead, 3; and Pan-American Petroleum Ord., 1¾.

Falls—Baltimore and Ohio Common, 1⅛; Chesapeake and Ohio Common and Wabash Pref., ¼; Chicago North-Western Ord. and Louisville and Nashville, 1; Erie First Prefd., ¾; and Great Northern Ore Certificates and Ontario and Western, ⅝.

Call Money	2b. 3½a	2½b. 2¾a
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.66¾	4.67¼
Do. do Demand Bills	4.68¾	4.70
Cable Transfers	4.69¼	4.70¼
Do. Montreal	4.71¾	4.72
Exchange Paris, cable	5.38	5.38

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Business Prices. Done. Wed.	Thur.
108¼	U.S. Funded	102¾	102¾
127	Atch. Top., Santa Fe	119	119⅞
100	Do. Preference	94⅞	94⅞
57¾	Baltimore and Ohio	63¾	62¾
159½	Canadian Pacific	150¾	150¾
	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	95¾	95¾
17½	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	16¾	16¾
79½	Chicago and N.-West	74¾	74¾
33¾	Erie Shares	31¾	31¾
	Erie 1st Preferred	40¾	40¾
	Great Northern Pref.	74¾	73¾
123½	Illinois Central	116	116
	Lehigh Valley	83¾	82¾
112½	Louisville & Nashville	107	108
31½	Missouri, Kan., & Texas	29½	29½
35½	Missouri Pacific New	33¾	33½
5½	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	5	5
2½	Do. 2nd Pref.	2¼	2¼
125½	N.Y. Cnl. & Hudson R.	117¾	118¾
134½	Norfolk and West Com.	129¼	126¾
76½	Northern Pacific Com.	71¾	71½
23½	Ontario and Western	27½	26¾
52	Pennsylvania Shares	49	49½
82½	Reading Shares	77½	77½
42	Do. Preferred	39	39½
83½	Southern Railway	77½	78¾
110½	Southern Pacific	104¾	103¾
49½	Texas and Pacific	46¾	46½
160½	Union Pacific	150¾	150¾
79½	Do. Pref.	74¾	74½
23½	Wabash Common	22¾	22¾
62½	Do. Preferred A	60¾	60¾
94½	American Smelt. and Refining	88¾	88¾
44½	Anaconda Copper	41¾	41¾
23½	British-American Tobacco Ord.	23½	23¼
	Utah Copper	86	85
82½	New York Consolidated Gas	77¾	77½
300	General Electric	279½	283
172	National Lead	159	162
122	United States Steel Common	117¾	118¾
	Do. Pref.	121¾	121¾
51½	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	48¾	48¾
—	Silver Commercial Bars	67¾	67½
	General Motors (New)	61	60¾
14½	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	13¾	13⅞
46½	Do. Pref. Certs.	44¾	44
	Royal Dutch Ordinary	47½	48¾
	Shell Ordinary	43¾	43¾
	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	60½	60½
	Anglo-American Oil	17½	17½
	Snell Union Oil Corp.	21	21
42½	U.S. Rubber	40¾	40
	BONDS.		
94½	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	88¾	88¾
67½	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	63¾	63¾
	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	—	95¾
96½	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	91¾	91¾
	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bds.	104¾	104¾
	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	115	115¾
	Do. do. 1937	105¼	105

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex interest. ‖Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Prices Thur.	—
65½	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	61½	—
38½	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	36	—
79½	Do. Preferred	74	—
57½	Brazilian T.L. & P. Co., Ltd.	54½	—
2½	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	2½	—
30½	Do. 1st Preference, Series B	29	—
8½	Do. 2nd Preference	8	—
32½	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.	31	—
86½	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	81	—
113½	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	107	—
11½	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd.	11	—
49½	Do. Preferred	47	—
50½	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	47¾	—
69½	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	65	—
86½	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	82	—
163½	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	154	—
	National Breweries, Ltd.	51½	—
36½	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	34	—
139½	Shawinigan Water & Power Co.	131½	—
	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd.	118½	—
120½	Do. Preferred	114	—
	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	83¾	—

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT irregular, 1¼c. up to 2¼c. down.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	183¾	181½
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	189¾	187¾
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	182¾	181⅞
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	195¾	197¾

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	657	519	191,837	147,389
Clearances	1,556	433	186,782	192,003

(In thousands of bushels.)

Sales for export—75 boatloads.
RYE—No. 2 spot, 154¼.
Sales for export—12 boatloads.
BARLEY—American malting, 100¾.
MAIZE steady and unaltered.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed, spot	140	140

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	18	90	5,129	5,971
Clearances	—	85	1,454	1,657

(In thousands of bushels.)

CROP ESTIMATES.

WASHINGTON, December 18.

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, makes the following estimates from reports of its correspondents and agents:—The acreage of winter wheat sown this autumn is 42,317,000 acres, compared with 40,191,000 sown in the autumn of 1923, and 46,069,000 sown in the autumn of 1922.

The acreage of rye is 4,206,000 acres, compared with 4,377,000 acres sown in 1923. Average condition of rye on December 1 was 87.3 per cent., against 89.9 per cent. last year, and 84.3 per cent. in 1922.

The yield of winter wheat is estimated at 544,000,000 bushels, compared with 590,000,000 bushels final in 1924, and 572,340,000 final in 1923. Rye, 59,000,000, compared with 63,000,000 final in 1924, and 63,023,000 final in 1923.

Average condition of winter wheat by States:—Kansas 1924, 76; 1923, 84; Nebraska, 78 and 91; Oklahoma, 84 and 85; Illinois, 87 and 88; Missouri, 85 and 85; Indiana, 81 and 88; Ohio, 80 and 90; Washington, 77 and 94.

LARD steady and unaltered. Prime Western steam, 17.57½; Middle West, 17.30 to 17.40.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 7.50 to 8.00.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter—2/6 to 3/-.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100lbs.—12c. to 14c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 35c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 50c.

RUBBER firm. First latex crepe, 38 buyers, 38½ sellers; smoked ribbed sheets, 38 buyers, 38½ sellers.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude	1.10	1.10
Standard White in cases	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia	13.50	13.50
Pennsylvania crude	2.75 2.85	2.75 2.85

COFFEE opened easy, unchanged to 25 points lower, and was depressed during the greater part of the session owing to easy Brazilian markets, liquidation, and selling by commission houses and trade interests. Partial rallies took place later, on shorts covering, and the market closed steady, but unchanged to 35 points down. Spot firm and unaltered. Rio No. 7 spot, 22½; Santos No. 4 spot, 26½. Approximate day's sales, 43,000 bags.

Futures—Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	21.00	20.50	19.45	18.50
Prev. day	21.00	20.60	19.61	18.85
	June.	July.	Sept.	
To-day	18.25	18.00	17.40	
Prev. day	18.55	18.22	17.65	

SUGAR steady, 3 points up to unchanged. Centrifugal Cuban spot steady and unaltered; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.77. Approximate day's sales, 36,000 tons.

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.
To-day	3.63	2.87	2.88	2.93	3.03
Prev. day	3.35	2.87	2.83	2.93	3.03

TALLOW steady. Extra loose, 10½.

COTTONSEED OIL steady. Prime summer yellow spot, 11.40. Options—Jan., 11.50; March, 11.79; May, 12.18; July, 12.33.

SHELLAC—T.N. spot, 64.

TURPENTINE — Spirits of turpentine, 95; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 78½.

RESIN—Grade F, 6.42½; K, 6.60; WW, 8.50.

BURLAPS quiet. Hessian cloth, light-weight, 8.08; heavy-weight, 9.75.

METALS.—Tin barely steady, 12½ points down to unchanged; spot, 55.62½; future option, 55.75. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady, 7½ points up, 9.75. Zinc barely steady, 5 points cheaper; East St. Louis spot, 7.42½. Iron steady; No. 2 American Northern foundry, 23.50 to 23.50. Electrolytic Copper steady; spot, 14½; futures, 14½. Steel—Bessemer rails, 43.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat firm, ⅛c. up; No. 2 hard winter spot, 164½.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat easy, 2½c. lower; No. 2 red winter spot, 184½.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat strong, 3c. dearer; No. 1 Northern spring spot, 162½.

DULUTH—Flaxseed—May, 297½.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed—March, 19.50.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened firm, 1¼c. to 2¼c. up, and closed strong, 2¼c. to 3½c. higher. Opening options—May, 178½; July, 174½. Closing options—May, 177½; July, 175½. Oats firm, ½c.

OCCUPATIONAL CENSUS.

DOMESTIC SERVICE THE LARGEST CALLING.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON.

Personal service, including domestic service, is the occupation which employs the greatest number of persons in England and Wales, according to the census of occupations compiled from the 1921 census just issued. The persons engaged in personal service, including institutions, clubs, hotels, etc., easily exceeded all the other totals, with 1,676,425 females and 339,944 males, an aggregate of 2,016,369. The biggest total is under the sub-head of domestic servants indoor, of whom there were 1,148,698 females and 61,006 males, an aggregate of 1,209,704.

Other occupations with big figures for the number of employés are:—Agriculture, 1,171,298 males, 83,052 females, a total of 1,254,350; metal workers, 1,540,235 males and 109,074 females; mining and quarrying, 1,061,749 males and 3,364 females, the latter including 3,023 workers above ground in coal and shale mines. One hundred and sixty-six women are classed under the heading of fishermen, compared with 28,808 males. Public administration and defence, including the forces, absorbs 442,325 males and 71,881 females. Professional occupations, excluding clerical staffs, were represented by 306,830 males and 359,982 females. Entertainment and sports employed 67,305 males and 27,981 females.

The total population of England and Wales in 1921 was 18,075,239 males and 19,811,460 females, of which 4,174,131 males and 4,111,655 females were under twelve years of age. Of the 13,901,108 males of twelve years of age and upwards, 12,112,718 were occupied and 1,788,390 unoccupied, or retired, and of the 15,699,805 females under the same classification, 5,065,332 were occupied and 10,634,473 unoccupied.

HOSTS OF ALIENS.

The foreign-born population of alien and unstated nationality numbered 129,509 males and 100,625 females. Of the males, 12,767 were visitors, and of the females 8,358. Those under twelve years of age totalled 3,973 males and 3,338 females, leaving 112,769 males and 88,929 females of twelve years of age and upwards. Of these, 101,638 males and 30,694 females were totally occupied while 11,131 males and 58,235 females were totally unoccupied.

The country from which the largest number came was Russia with 24,923 males and 23,308 females, while Poland follows with 18,599 males and 15,937 females. France is third on the list with 9,015 males and 14,644 females; Italy is next with 12,739 males and 6,359 females, and Germany fifth with 7,390 males and 4,968 females. There were 1,028 males and 840 females born at sea.

More aliens are employed in the making of textile goods and articles of dress than in any other specified occupation, the numbers being 21,920 males and 7,474 females. Those engaged in transport and communication were 10,416 males and 123 females, while commerce, finance and insurance found employment for 17,700 males and 3,562 females. Aliens engaged in personal service (including institutions, clubs, hotels, etc.), were 14,425 males and 10,129 females, of whom 4,562 males and 7,465 females were indoor domestic servants.

STEEL HOUSES FOR THE PEOPLE.

LABOUR MAKES DIFFICULTIES.

The erection of steel houses for Glasgow Corporation and Lanark authorities is threatened with interruption, owing to the demand of Scottish operative builders that the building trade wages and conditions shall apply.

A deputation of operatives has interviewed the Glasgow Housing Committee regarding the refusal of Messrs. G. and J. Weir to apply these rules. The Committee have decided to inform Messrs. Weir that they must recognise building trade wages and conditions.

This decision, if approved by the Corporation, may mean that Lord Weir's firm will have to reconsider their position. Broadly speaking, the ordinary building operatives are fully employed, and it is understood that Messrs. Weir's view is that skilled building operatives are not required for the building of steel houses, and that the work should be undertaken by labour drawn mainly from the unemployed.

ing—March, lowest 23.96, highest 23.97; May, 265.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	71	36
No. 2 Northern	71	34
No. 3 Northern	94	63
No. 4 Northern	116	62
Other grades	131	118
Total	483	313

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, 7 points lower to 3 point higher. Early recessions due to foreign and New Orleans interests selling and disappointing cable news were followed by reactions owing to the improved spot situation, strength of the Stock market, Wall street support and expectations of a bullish ginning report. The market weakened again, however, under liquidation and selling by spot interests, but closed very steady, although 35 to 23 points down on the day. Spot quiet at 25 points reduction. New Orleans spot 25 points lower.

Spot middling upland at New York—24.00.

Spot middling upland at New Orleans—23.90.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 10,000 bales; Gulf, 29,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 22,000. Exports—Great Britain, nil; Continent, 24,000; Japan, nil.

New York futures in the last twenty seconds of trading:—Dec., lowest 23.45, highest 23.45; Jan., 23.55, 23.60; Feb., 23.77, 23.77; March, 23.98, 24.00; April, 24.15, 24.15; May, 24.33, 24.36; June, 24.42, 24.42; July, 24.52, 24.55; Aug., 24.10, 24.10; Sept., 24.15, 24.15; Oct., 23.95, 23.95; Nov., 24.00, 24.00.

New Orleans futures in the last minute of trading:—March, lowest 23.95, highest 23.97; May, 24.22, 24.23.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

WHEAT opened firm at 1¼c. advance, on firm Liverpool cables, adverse Argentine reports and commission house buying, but eased off afterwards owing to an expected bearish bureau report, favourable weather in the South-West and unloading by bulls. The advance was resumed, however, on rumours that exporters were buying, bull support, large seaboard clearances, commission house purchases, smaller interior receipts and strength of North-West markets. The closing was firm, 3¼c. to 2¼c. up. Spot active.

			To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter spot			Nom.	167¾
No. 3 Hard Winter spot			Nom.	167⅝
Futures—Opening options—			Dec.	May
To-day			167¾	171⅝
Prev. day			166⅝	170¾
Futures—Closing options—		Dec.	May	July
To-day		169	173¾	149⅞
Prev. day		166¾	170½	147⅜
	To-day.	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)	942	898	390,585	240,894

(In thousands of bushels.)

MAIZE opened firm, ⅛c. to ⅜c. higher on unfavourable weather, covering of shorts, and in sympathy with wheat; then a reaction set in, owing to lower cash markets, larger interior receipts and liquidation. The market rose again later under bull support and smaller country offerings, and closed steady, 1⅛c. to 1¼c. dearer.

			To-day.	Prev. day.
Spot No. 2 mixed			Nom.	126
Futures—Opening options—			Dec.	May
To-day			123¾	128½
Prev. day			125⅞	131⅛
Futures—Closing options—		Dec.	May	July
To-day		124⅛	129¾	130¾
Prev. day		123⅞	128⅛	128⅝
	To-day	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)	1,502	1,383	113,005	118,838

OATS steady at ⅛c. to ¼c. gain.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	58¾	64⅞	63½
Prev. day	58½	64¼	62⅝

RYE—No. 2 spot unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May
To-day	145¾	150⅛
Prev. day	144⅞	149⅝

PROVISIONS opened steady, and prices advanced owing to higher hog quotations and investment buying, but reacted later in sympathy with corn and under reactionary selling. The market rallied, however, on light hog receipts in the West and shorts being more disposed to cover, and closed steady, with lard unchanged to 7½ points lower and ribs 5 to 2½ points up.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	16.75	16.95	17.05
Prev. day	16.75	17.00	17.12½
Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	15.00	—	15.50
Prev. day	14.95	—	15.47½

BACON steady and unaltered.

Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average), 14.87½.

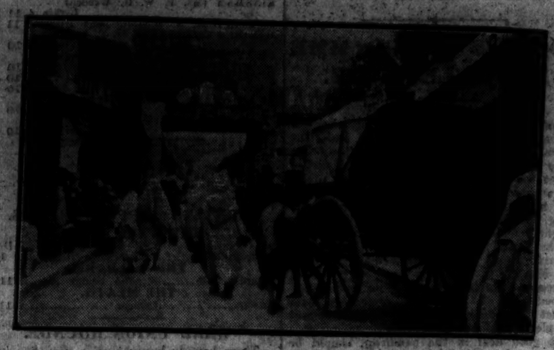
HOGS firm. Light descriptions are 75 to 70 and heavy 20 to 15 points higher. Light hogs, 7.75 to 9.90; heavy hogs, 9.85 to 10.15.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	160,000	189,000
Chicago	48,000	64,000

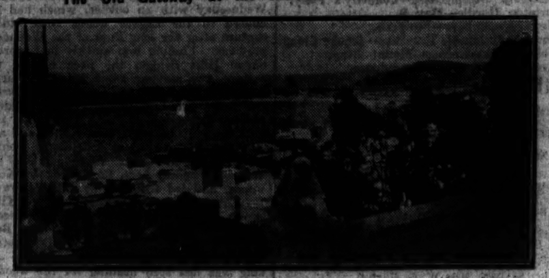
Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1 total 6,676,000, against 6,705,000 same season last year.

AN IRISHMAN'S PHOTOGRAPHS OF TANGIER.

The Market Place of Tangier.



The Old Gateway at the entrance to the Market Place



A View from the Courts of Justice at Tangier, looking towards the Riff country.

FINAL MEETING OF THE MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

A View of the Mosque at Tangier's Market Place.

Photo by [*Lafayette.*

Group of Directors and Officials, taken at Broadstone, Dublin, yesterday.
Front Row:—Mr. M. McDonagh, Mr. P. J. Brady, Sir Walter Nugent, Bart. (Deputy-Chairman); Major H. C. Cusack (Chairman), Senator Arthur Jackson, Mr. Joseph Tatlow (Directors); Mr. M. F. Keogh (General Manager).
Standing:—Mr. E. H. Taylor (Acting Secretary); Mr. W. H. Merton (Locomotive Engineer), Mr. W. Smyth (Accountant), Mr. A. W. Bretland (Chief Engineer), Mr. F. de Vere White (Solicitor).

TWO SCENES FROM "THE ROMANTICS."

Front Row:—Maeve Smith and Jean Law. Seated: Marjorie Lumsden.
Back Row:—Dorothy Seddall, Miss Barwell, Peggy Cairns, Nora Ringwood, and Phyllis Brittain.

The Opening Scene in Edmond Rostand's play, "The Romantics," to be given to-day by the Alexandra College Dramatic Society.

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Let good cheer prevail, for the smiling face and merry eye express those things in life which really matter.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. DAVID BARRY.

A pleasant function took place last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. David Barry, Bellevue Park, Glenageary, when the Dublin staffs of the British and Irish Steam Packet Company, Limited, embracing the marine, outdoor and clerical departments, presented Mr. Barry with a gold watch and chain, to mark their appreciation of his recent appointment as a director of the company. Mrs. Barry was the recipient of a gold bracelet.

The presentations were made by the manager, Mr. J. McLachlan, who referred to the high position Mr. Barry had attained in the shipping world, and feelingly expressed the esteem in which Mr. Barry was held by his staffs. Mr. Barry suitably replied.

The company was entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Barry, and during the evening a most enjoyable musical programme was provided.

CASE OF BRANDY STOLEN.

The Nenagh railway goods store was broken into on Wednesday night, and a case of brandy, which was consigned to a local trader, was carried off.

A beautiful Casket—FREE!

containing delicious assorted chocolates in exchange for 20 coupons taken from ½-lb. tins of

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POTEEN FOR POTATO DIGGERS.

CHEAPER THAN WHISKEY.

At the Malin District Court, before Mr. Louis J. Walsh, Superintendent Galligan prosecuted Mrs. Hannah Monagle, Ballyheeny, for harbouring illicit spirits.

Sergeant Murphy said that five five-naggin bottles and two lemonade bottles which contained a small quantity of poteen were found on the dresser in the kitchen and in an outhouse.

The sergeant added that the defendant's house was a noted shebeen, and was under observation for a considerable time. On the occasion a man from the neighbourhood was found lying in bed in a room in the house under the influence of poteen, although it was mid-day when the raid was made.

The defendant denied that her house was a shebeen or that poteen was ever made about her place. She had procured the poteen which the Guards had found for a potato-digging, because it was the cheapest. What is got in the (public) "houses," she added, is very dear.

The Justice—No matter about the price. Don't you know it is wrong to have poteen, which is ruining the country, or to have people coming and staying about drunk, away from the work and business? You have been all warned again and again; everyone is against it—clergy and all.

Replying to the Justice, the defendant said that she was a widow. She did not think that there was so much against getting poteen for that occasion. It was a good while since she had heard the priest saying anything against it.

Superintendent Galligan submitted that it was a very bad case. The repeated warnings which had gone out from that Court had had little effect, and he pressed for a substantial penalty.

The Judge said that he considered it a case of the worst kind, and imposed a fine of £25, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment.

ALL-METAL AEROPLANE.

ZURICH TO PERSIA FLIGHT.

BERNE, Thursday.

A Swiss airman, Lieutenant Mittelholzer, who has already gained a reputation here by various flights over the Spitzberg, left Zurich to-day, accompanied by a mechanic, with the intention of flying as far as Persia, a five thousand kilometres' journey. He expects to reach Pa to-day. He is flying an all-metal Junker aeroplane.—(Reuter.)

The King, the Queen and the Crown Prince of Norway leave Marlborough House to-day for Appleton House, Sandringham.

TOC H. MEETING IN BELFAST

TELEGRAM FROM PRINCE OF WALES.

At an impressive meeting of Toc H. in the City Hall, Belfast, last night, Sir William Turner, the Lord Mayor, relit the Lamp of Maintenance, which was first lighted by the Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness telegraphed to the Lord Mayor—"I am very glad that you will relight to-night the Lamp which will commemorate the three brothers Hewitt and others of your community who fell in the great war."

Sir Frederick Moneypenny, City Chamberlain, read the telegram.

Padre Bickmire, Halifax, Chaplain Toc. H, addressed the meeting.

IRISH WILLS.

Mr. James Cunningham, of Glencairn, Belfast, stock broker, of Messrs. Josias Cunningham and Co., of 3, Donegall Square East, Belfast, a prominent Unionist, and well-known in yachting circles, who died on November 1st last, aged 67 years, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland, valued at £31,559 8s. 9d.

Mr. John Samuel McConnell, of Rosella, 81 Osborne Park, Belfast, merchant, who died on August 11th last, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland valued at £17,899 6s. 4d.

Mr. Charles Henry Hone, of Tigh Lorcain Hall, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, a member of the Committee of the Irish Philatelic Club, who died on 13th May last at Donnybrook, son of the late Mr. Joseph Hone, of Ashton Park, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, left personal property in England and the Irish Free State valued at £7,297 2s. 7d.

The Rev. Canon John McCartan, of Cushendall, Co. Antrim, Parish Priest there for 16 years, who died 20th May last, aged 68 years, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland valued at £4,199 7s. 5d.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BRIDESMAID.

The Hon. Eleanor Cecilia, Baroness Heneage, of 19 Adelaide Crescent, Hove, and of Hainton Hall, Lincoln, one of Queen Alexandra's bridesmaids, who died on September 29th last, aged 79 years, widow of the first Lord Heneage, and daughter of the second Earl of Listowel, left unsettled property of the gross value of £24,939 13s. 6d., with net personalty £23,887 7s. 4d.

The Madras High Court yesterday released on bail the ex-police inspector, Sanyasiah Naton, and his son-in-law, who are charged with the attempted murder of Mr. S. A. Venkataraman, assistant collector at Vizagapatam, who was shot while asleep in his bungalow on October 14.—(Reuter.)

THE SCOURGE OF CANCER.

STRANGE APATHY OF THE STATE.

The "appalling apathy" of the State towards the terrible problem of cancer was commented upon by Dr. Andrew Charles, F.R.C.S.I., in the course of his report yesterday, at the annual meeting of the Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital Dublin. Among the measures which he urged should be adopted for the ultimate control of this disease was to make it notifiable. The real purpose of this was not so much to guard the public health as to facilitate research work. He declared that there was no question more urgent than this cancer problem, and co-operation of the State must be actively sought "That a scourge of such widespread and increasing fatality, which kills one man in every eleven and one woman in every eight after the age of 35, should be so casually regarded in our time," said Dr. Charles, "will be the marvel of future ages."

The report gave the number of out-patients as 13,724, and intern patients as 320. The total for the light department was 4,867. Owing to favourable circumstances they had been able to build and equip a research laboratory complete in every detail, and to maintain the nucleus of a research staff.

The Chairman, Mr. George Birney, in his address, reviewed the work of the hospital since its inception in 1911. A sum of £50,000 he said, would be required to complete the building scheme which they had in mind.

The honorary treasurer's report showed a total deficit for the year of £4,365 9s. 8d.

The adoption of the reports was moved by Mr. James McMahon and seconded by Mr. H. F. Norman, who said that it was strange that people had to be lured into frivolous amusement before they could be got to support a hospital.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland met on Thursday last. The Primate presided. The other members present were the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Meath, the Bishop of Kilmore, the Bishop of Cashel, the Bishop of Killaloe, the Bishop of Ossory, the Bishop of Clogher, the Bishop of Tuam, the Dean of Christ Church, J. A. Maconchy, Major Wellesley, Rev. Canon A. Lockett Ford, G. R. Hyde, the Archdeacon of Dromore, W. A. Farrar, the Rev. Canon Wilson, Dermot O'Brien, D.L., the Rev. Canon H. Kingsmill Moore, D.D., the Earl of Belmore, D.L.; Mr. Justice FitzGibbon and H. C. Bowen.

Having transacted business, the Standing Committee adjourned until Thursday, the 22nd of January, 1925.

BELFAST POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

The Post Office authorities in Belfast announce that on the 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th December additional collections of letters and parcels will be made in the Belfast district from the post offices and posting receptacles. The despatch and delivery of letters will be on other week-days as far as possible. On Christmas Day there will be a general delivery of parcels and letters, but no collection from posting receptacles.

On Friday, 26th, there will be one general delivery of letters and parcels at 8.30 a.m., and one collection of letters at 4 p.m. The despatch of provincial Irish mails on the 25th and 26th will be restricted to the first available morning trains. The Larne and Stranraer mail service will be in operation on Christmas Day, but the other cross-Channel services will be suspended.

On Saturday, 27th, the normal services will be in operation, with the exception of the 4.30 p.m. delivery.

On Christmas Day telegraph and telephone business will be transacted as on Sundays. On Friday, the 26th December, all post offices in Northern Ireland, outside Belfast City, will be open for the transaction of telegraph business between 9.0 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. The Post Office cannot guarantee that telegrams handed in within half-an-hour of closing time will be delivered on the same day. After 11.0 a.m. on Friday, 26th December, the delivery of telegrams to addresses within the Belfast postal area will be made every half-hour approximately. Where possible telegrams will be delivered by telephone, with confirmation copy by post, and telegrams will be accepted by telephone at any hour.

A BIGGER FOREIGN OFFICE.

The Foreign Office, cramped for space by the increasing volume of business created since the war, has been forced to expand.

As it forms part of the great quadrangle which lies between Downing street and King Charles street, it is unable to spread outwards. It must, therefore, extend its space upwards, and wooden huts are to be erected on the roof.

Care will be taken not to destroy the architectural dignity of the buildings by these wooden crowns.

UNCUT HEDGES.

At the Croom (County Limerick) District Court, over fifty orders were made at the suit of the County Council against farmers for failure to cut hedges on their lands adjoining the public roads.

PRODUCTS OF INDUSTRY.

Gifts of all kinds on sale at 40 Upper O'Connell street, near Rotunda.—[Advt.]

DERRY ANNIVERSARY.

NORTHERN EDUCATION ACT CRITICISED.

The Apprentice Boys yesterday celebrated the 256th anniversary of the shutting of the Gates of Derry. As is usual on the 18th December, the celebration was confined chiefly to the parent clubs, whose headquarters are within the historic walls.

Yesterday the Apprentice Boys' Association assembled on the Mall Wall at 11.30, and marched to Derry Cathedral to attend a special Service, conducted by the Dean of Derry and the Rev. J. K. Beattie, M.A.

The Rev. E. W. Cowell was the preacher. He said that what was to come in the future it would be impossible for them to foresee. When a Parliament was set up in Belfast with a defined area, one thought that the years of uncertainty were passed, and that Northern Ireland would be free to fulfil her destiny unhindered. Now, by so-called constitutional means, an attempt was being made to filch from her some of her territory. This attempt would be met and beaten by the same spirit which animated the men of Derry in 1689. The Northern Parliament had "made good" in face of great difficulties, opposition and abuse. They deserved, and had, the sympathetic support of all good citizens.

There was only one point, but a very important and essential point, in which, as he believed, they had failed to interpret properly the will of the people of Northern Ireland. He referred to one clause in the Education Act. The Act, as a whole, had been well received, but there was one clause which would spoil the whole, till it was amended. Part of the section was as follows:—"Nor shall the Education authority have power to require that the teachers appointed for, or holding office in, any provided or transferred school shall be teachers who belong to, or profess, the tenets of, or who do not belong to, or profess the tenets of, any particular Church or religious denomination." This meant that in ten to twenty years' time the schools might be filled with teachers of any or, what was worse, of no religious belief.

He wished to speak in a temperate manner, though it was difficult to do so, and so he would just ask two questions. Was that in accordance with the spirit of the men of Derry in 1689? There was no doubt that the answer would be a thunderous "No." Was it in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to-day? If the people fully realised the position, he believed that the answer would be an equally determined "No." There were some other point in the Act in regard to religious education which needed amendment, but it was essential that there should be no danger that a Turk, infidel, or atheist should teach the children of Christian parents.

After the Service the procession was reformed, and a tour was made of the city streets and walls.

The day was ushered in with the usual salvoes of artillery from the city walls at midnight, and at intervals during the day the Cathedral joy bells were rung.

FOOD PRICES INQUIRY.

CHEAP WHEAT IN LONDON.

At the Royal Commission on Food Prices in London yesterday, Mr. E. R. Holland, giving evidence of the distribution of wheat in the Port of London, said that as regarded remuneration it could safely be said that the merchant was satisfied to net a profit of half of one per cent. It was a curious fact that wheat could nearly always be bought cheaper in London than in the exporting countries. That could only be because the available supplies of unsold wheat usually exceeded the demand.

Major P. R. Reynolds, Chairman of the milling companies of Reynolds, Stott and Haslegrave, Ltd., of Wakefield, and Wm. Marshall and Sons, Grimsby, Ltd., said that the wheat supplies to the mills of Great Britain consisted of about 80 per cent. imported and 20 per cent. home-grown wheat.

Dr. Albert Edward Humphries, formerly President of the National Association of Millers, said that no such thing as a trust existed in the industry. The associations were voluntary bodies. Any one of many firms could prevent a rise in the price of flour. No one firm or combination of firms could dictate a rise.

The Chairman (Sir Archibald Geddes)—In any economies you can envisage, you do not see a halfpenny off the loaf?

Witness—No, I do not.

Chairman—Do you think it would be possible to fix the price of the loaf, as we did during the war?

Witness—No, not over any wide area.

A lock-out has been ordered at the Charleroi ironworks in Belgium, which, it is feared, will involve over 95,000 men.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

HOLIDAY RACING

SERGEANT MURPHY FOR THE NATIONAL.

AMATEURS' PERMITS.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Thursday Night.

I understand that an Irish amateur who has been riding in England for a season or two will not be granted a permit for next year under Rule 92, enabling him to compete in races open to professional jockeys. He is not the only one either who is likely to be debarred, as Major Doyle was last season, for the National Hunt Stewards are scrutinising the applications for permits very closely. These gentlemen know their own business best, but at the present moment there is a feeling that the granting of these permits is carried out much on the lines of election to an exclusive social club. It is a well-known fact in club life that sometimes when a candidate who is socially and in every other way eligible comes up before the committee of an exclusive institution he may be "blackballed" because at one time or another he may have happened to incur the displeasure—perhaps on some entirely private matter—of some member of the committee. It would be a pity if the same principle were allowed to come into racing, and a genuine amateur were refused his permit under Rule 92 because one or other Steward happened not to like him personally.

The racing was rather moderate in quality here this afternoon, and in four races there was an odds-on favourite. One of these, Headmaster, was well beaten in the principal race, the Windsor Handicap Steeplechase. He and Cylvida came into collision at the last fence, and then the latter raced away and beat him by three lengths. Dark David, although he started favourite for the Oakside Hurdle, went badly in the market, and was a beaten horse all the way. Festoon, taking the lead in the straight, won easily by five lengths from the moderate Gold Willow. This horse had run well in the race at Gatwick won by Dark David, and was now meeting him on 17lb. better terms.

Before they had gone a mile in the race for the Forest Amateur Riders' Steeplechase St. Jago was tailed off a fence, Lukeston walked into the open ditch, and then Mr. Harry Brown came on the flat on Priority to head Lightfoot by a length and a half. After he had run so well at Punchestown St. Jago was bought by Mr. Stephen Sanford, the owner of Sergeant Murphy, to go to America, but was found to be too bad to be shipped. Blackwell bought him himself for 55 guineas a few weeks ago and passed him on to a lady patron. Blackwell tells me that old Sergeant Murphy is very well, and that he will enter him for the Grand National again.

F. B. Rees rode his 103rd winner when Saxham Prince won the Selling Hurdle Race. The opening race, the Mill Hurdle, was won in a canter by General Post, on whom odds of 9 to 4 had to be laid.

The Christmas feeling is overshadowing the racing just at present, and to-morrow's sport at Hurst Park will not be very exciting. Mount Etna, I understand, is not likely to run for the Molesey Handicap Steeplechase, and so the race becomes much more open. Tom Crow has been sent, and so has Maureen Bawn. The latter has not yet found her form, nor has Tom Crow. Neither The Bleeka nor Silver Somme have arrived, so I choose JIMMU to win, if sent. White Park and Holihonic will both run for the Strawberry Hill Hurdle, but I believe McKenna has galloped KILWINNING well, and he may be good enough. The Hurst Park Hurdle may be won by CONFIRMATION, or, in his absence, by EMPHATIC.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

HURST PARK.

1. 0 Race—11 to 8 agst. White Ronald, 5 to 2 Carrolstown, 7 to 2 Devonport, 7 to 1 Connolly's Folly, 8 to 1 Chicago, 10 to 1 Greenlawn, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. Aliette, 5 to 2 Bypo, 7 to 2 Southover, 6 to 1 Magenta, 8 to 1 Clent, 10 to 1 each Princess Picton and Stronsay, 100 to 9 Christopher Wren, 100 to 6 any other.

2. 0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Prosperitz, 3 to 1 Fleecy Wave, 5 to 1 Glengarry II., 7 to 1 Fitzpicton, 9 to 1 Redshank, 10 to 1 each Wrangle and Have a Care, 100 to 8 Fine Yarn, 20 to 1 any other.

2.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Emphatic, 7 to 2 Signet, 11 to 2 Rackway, 6 to 1 Crockhill, 8 to 1 Confirmation, 10 to 1 each All Away and Son o' Love, 100 to 8 any other.

3. 0 Race—9 to 4 agst. Gem, 7 to 2 Maureen Bawn, 5 to 1 Tom Crow, 6 to 1 Grenhurst, 8 to 1 Ruddy Glow, 10 to 1 Hard Nail, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30 Race—Evens White Park, 7 to 2 agst. Kilwinning, 5 to 1 Holihonic, 7 to 1 Porus, 8 to 1 Pomme de Guerre, 10 to 1 each Lauzun and Lembach, 100 to 8 Tudor King, 100 to 6 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

HURST PARK.

1. 0—Carrolstown.
1.30—Aliette.
2. 0—Fitzpicton.
2.30—Emphatic.
3. 0—Gem.
3.30—White Park.
DOUBLE—Aliette (nap) and Emphatic.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best—Devonport. Double—Devonport and Emphatic.
Daily News:—Double—Aliette and White Park.
Daily Express:—Double—Connolly's Folly and Signet. Safety bet—Signet.
Daily Mirror:—Double — Southover (nap) and Flaming Sword.
Daily Graphic:—Double—Slovaic and Old Nic.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Keror, who raced in England during the past season, has returned to France, and is to be sent to a stud in Normandy.

The Stanley Steeplechase of 1,000 sovs., to be run at the Liverpool Meeting, has closed with 41 entries.

Members badges for the Baldoyle Meetings in 1925 are now being issued, and may be obtained on application to the Secretary, 63 Dawson street, Dublin. The "A" Badge (£5) admits one gentleman and the "B" Badge (£7) admits one gentleman and two ladies, and are available for all meetings held at Baldoyle during the coming year (ten days' racing). The gentleman's badge entitles the holder to have his motor admitted free to the reserved motor enclosure.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Novices' Steeplechase, Hurst Park, January 15—Hackdene.
Hurst Park December engagements—Fariray, Clinch.
All engagements in Major W. H. Renwick's name—Big Bertha.
All engagements under National Hunt Rules—Gavotte.

Mr. F. Turnbull, of Montreal, formerly chartered accountant in England, has been appointed Financial Controller of Ontario.

WINDSOR RESULTS.

1.0—MILL HURDLE of 110 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. H. J. Greville's b. g. GENERAL POST, by Volta—Post Horn, 4 12-9 ......W. Smyth 1
Mr. R. M. Cresse's GLEN ANDRED, 5, 12-0 J. Jones 2
Mr. Hoboken's TIBET, 4, 11-9 ......L. Rees 3
Also ran—Fire Water (G. Goswell), Blue Bridge (F. Rees), Wild Swan (G. Green), Dowser (J. Dodd), Azimuth (V. Piggott), Leartes (D. Dick), Red Gauntlet (Mr. Rayson), Little Buttercup (Huddrell), Prince Jerome (T. Leader), Archangel (E. Barker). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by Smyth.)
Betting—9 to 4 on GENERAL POST, 8 to 1 agst. Leartes, 10 to 1 Blue Bridge, 100 to 12 any other.
Won by twelve lengths; two lengths.

1.30—RAYS SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 110 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. J. Pendarves's br. g. TURBINE SECUNDUS, by Turbine—Queen of the Road, 11, 10-0 ......T. Costello 1
Mr. T. Frankland's ORMSKIRK, 8, 10-5 Burley 2
Lady Chesham's STEADY MARCH, 7, 10-0 B. Ellis 3
Also ran—Tim (O. Stanley), Arnold (W. Stott), Tyrannical (R. Spares). Off 1.30. (Winner trained by Pendarves.)
Betting—5 to 2 each agst. Arnold and Ormskirk, 4 to 1 Tim, 9 to 2 Tyrannical, 10 to 1 each TURBINE SECUNDUS and Steady March.
Won by ten lengths; same.
The winner was sold for 70 gns.

2.0—WINDSOR HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. E. Piggott's b. h. CYLVIDA, by Cylba—Vida, 7, 10-13 ......V. Piggott 1
Mr. Blinkiron's HEAD MASTER, 6, 11-8 F. B. Rees 2
Mr. A. W. Hedges's LONE HAND, 6, 10-13 I. Morgan 3
Also ran—Tullygorey (F. Sargeant), Lovely Bird (O. Stanley), See Too (Lefebve), Fugo (J. Anthony), Ranter (E. Barker). Off 2.0. (Winner trained by E. Piggott.)
Betting—5 to 4 on Head Master, 7 to 2 agst. CYLVIDA, 6 to 1 Ranter, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by three lengths; five lengths.

2.30—WEDNESDAY SELLING HURDLE of 110 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. E. H. Tattersall's b. g. SAXHAM PRINCE, by Saxham—Galloping Ivy, 10, 12-0 F. B. Rees 1
Mrs. C. Stevens' TROIKA, 5, 11-9 ......A. Smith 2
Miss E. Cobbold's FOOL PROOF, 7, 12-0 G. Calder 3
Also ran—St. Corentin (A. Smyth), Blarney Stone (Prioleau), Italian Summer (D. Dick), Lone Wolf (Ingham), Royal Bucks (Tighe), Nonentity (Parvin), 13th Hussar (K. Piggott), Brown Pom (W. Speck). Off 2.32. (Winner trained by G. Pool.)
Betting—9 to 4 on SAXHAM PRINCE, 7 to 1 each agst. Troika and Nonentity, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by a length and a half; six lengths.
The winner was sold for 260 guineas.

3.0—OAKSIDE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £150. 2 m.
Mr. F. H. Cundell's br. g. FESTOON, by Mirador—Festa, 4, 10-9 ......J. Waugh 1
Mr. H. Johnstone's GOLD WILLOW, 4, 10-4 H. Peakman 2
Mrs. K. Paling's BOY MAC, 4, 10-9 ..T. Griffith 3
Also ran—Goldendale (E. Doyle), Moseley (J. Anthony), May King (F. Rees), Animated (Mr. Bisgood), Dark David (J. Dodd), Marston Moor (Burford), Pizarro (G. Green), Stream (F. Croney). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by Cundell.)
Betting—7 to 4 agst. Dark David, 2 to 1 May King, 7 to 1 each Animated and FESTOON, 8 to 1 Goldendale, 10 to 1 Pizarro, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by five lengths; two lengths.

3.30—FOREST AMATEUR RIDERS' 'CHASE of 110 sovs. 3 m.
Mr. D. Clarke's b. g. PRIORITY, by St. Brendan—Lady Car, 8, 11-0 Mr. H. A. Brown 1
Mr. Brownhill's LIGHTFOOT, 10, 12-0 ....Owner 2
Major G. Franklyn's RED ZONE, 6, 10-7 Mr. Rayson 3
Also ran—Lukeston (Mr. J. Gosden), St. Jago (Mr. J. Norris). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by Gore.)
Betting—11 to 10 agst. PRIORITY, 5 to 2 Lukeston, 7 to 2 Lightfoot, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by one and a half lengths; a bad third. Lukeston fell and St. Jago was pulled up.

MANCHESTER.

ACCEPTANCES.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.

VICTORY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 1,000 sovs. Second 100 sovs. and third 50 sovs. Two miles. (Weights raised 4lb.) Age. st. lb.

SOUTHEND (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) Anthony 8 12 7
FARIRAY (Mr. P. Monahan) Coulthwaite 8 12 3
HYMIR (Mr. K. W. Milnes) E. Doyle 8 12 0
GANZEY (Mr. D. Sullivan) M. Dawson 11 11 12
DUDLEY (Lord Londesborough) Private 11 11 11
BRIGHT'S BOY (Lady Edgar) Whitaker 6 11 10
SOOTHING GLASS (Mr. J. W. Murland) Magee 10 11 10
DOLDRUMS (Mr. C. B. Baron) G. Armstrong 8 11 9
WHAT LUCK (Mr. G. G. Hyams) Hyams 8 11 6
PHANTOM BOLD (Sir Robert Liddell) Peacock 9 11 3
BALLYMACRORY (Mr. R. C. Bose) Moss 8 11 3
RADNOR (Mr. W. Black) Bissill 7 11 3
DRUMBEE (Mrs. Sanday) Sanday 9 10 12
BARRY OGUE (Mr. W. O'Driscoll) M. Dawson 8 10 10
DONEGAL (Mr. S. Howard) Newey 8 10 5
BALLINVALLEY (Mr. H. E. Steel) Whitaker 7 10 4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.

VICTORY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 500 sovs. Second 50 sovs. and third 25 sovs. Two miles. Age. st. lb.

CIVIC GUARD (Mr. H. Kershaw) Anthony 6 12 7
ARGO (Lord Londesborough) Coulthwaite 6 12 1
EMPHATIC (Mrs. H. McKenna) McKenna 6 12 0
CLOCHNABEN (Mr. W. Murray) McDougal a 11 11
HERNE THE HUNTER (Major H. A. Wernher) Weatherill 6 11 11
PHANTOM CHARLEY (Sir Robert Liddell) Peacock 6 11 10
HONG-KONG (Mr. A. M. Jones) H. Turner 6 11 7
PERAHARA (Mr. H. Collins) G. Bennett 5 11 6
GYROSCOPE (Mr. J. Settle) C. Davis 4 11 5
PRINCE SADIM (Mr. T. Leader) T. Leader 5 11 5
FORTUNE (Mr. H. Cope) Shedden 7 11 2
BENEDICTION (Mr. D. G. Dickson) Coulthwaite 8 11 2
CORNEY GRAIN (Mr. Arthur Knowles) Ferguson 9 11 1
HOLY FOOKS (Mr. F. Burke) M. Dawson 10 11 0
BATTLE CRUISER (Mr. R. Mealings) Butchers 5 10 11
GEORGE CRAG (Mr. G. V. Smith) Drake 8 10 11
LOW TIDE (Mr. R. Bownass) Coulthwaite 7 10 8
LIMBER DANCER (Mr. F. Burke) M. Dawson 8 10 8
HONEYCOMB (Mr. H. Tait) McCormack 7 10 7
DARK DAVID (Mr. C. M. Hennessey) J. T. Dodd 5 10 2
DUNIN (Mr. F. Jopling) Renton 5 10 2

GOLF.

CADDIES' DAY AT HERMITAGE.

Yesterday was Caddies' Day at the Hermitage, and it is pleasing to have to record that one of the few fine days that we have experienced for a considerable time favoured the annual reunion of the lads. The Club Committee issued 250 invitations to the caddies, their sisters, brothers and young friends, who turned up in full force at 3.30 for tea, which was served to batches of 60 at a time in the new diningroom by the ladies of the club. Subsequently the youthful guests were entertained for a couple of hours to a cinematograph show given by the Theatre Royal Company, and a very enjoyable day was rounded off with a concert.

The club also gave a competition for the caddies, the second nine holes being played. For those in Class I. Mr. McDermott, the club professional, made the handicaps, which worked out so well that there was a tie for first prize at 37, the third prize winner being only one stroke worse. H. Kane played very good golf to win the best gross with 43, a fine score for a lad off the men's tees.

The Ladies' Committee worked zealously to ensure the enjoyment of the big company, as did the President, Mr. Conran; the Captain, Dr. Lorcan Sherlock, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. C. Robertson.

The result of the competition was:—Class I.—John Kane (18), 37; J. Rafferty (14), 37; J. Brady (14), 38. Class II.—R. Kane, 62; J. Dignam, 65; C. McDermott, 65. Best gross score, H. Kane, 43.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

HOWTH.—To-morrow—Monthly Medal. Draw off 1.30 train.

ST. ANNE'S.—The December Medal will be played on Sunday, 21st inst.

KILLINEY.—To-morrow—Medal. Committee meeting 5.15 p.m.

CLEARANCE LINE.

100 doz. Pins Colonel Golf Balls, were 2s. 6d. each, Mesh making, weight 29½ dwts. Reduced to 18s. per doz., post paid.—Jones, Pharmacist, Optician, 22 Quay, Waterford.—(Advt.)

The anti-Labourite Parliamentary Parties in Western Australia have combined, under the leadership of Sir James Mitchell, to fight the official Labour Party, says Reuter.

HURST PARK.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Some quite good racing is promised at Hurst Park, though the principal race, the Hurdle Handicap, has rather a poor-class entry for this type of race. Flaming Sword is not the horse he was, and I much prefer his stable companion, Signet, who appears well handicapped on his victory over Tommy Long, for the last-named ran a good race at Lingfield against Lindholm and Hong Kong. Smoke Cloud is none too safe a jumper, having jumped badly when beaten by Herne the Hunter at Sandown and later fell at Liverpool. He is certainly quite well handicapped, and I give him preference over Signet as being better class. In the Molesey Steeplechase Mount Etna, though having gone up a good deal in the handicap, should be good enough. Selections:—

Amateurs' Steeplechase—**Connolly's Folly.**
Surbiton Hurdle—**May B.**
Wey Steeplechase—**Prosperitz.**
Hurst Park Hurdle Handicap—**Smoke Cloud.**
Molesey Steeplechase—**Mount Etna.**
Strawberry Hurdle—**Imprudence.**

1.0—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 310 yards. Age. st. lb.

DEVONPORT (Mr. F. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 9 11 10
WHITE RONALD (Mr. R. McAlpine) G. Poole a 11 9
CONNOLLY'S FOLLY (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 6 11 5
(The above have arrived.)
COLESTOWN (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 9 12 13
KNOCKCROGHERY II. (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown a 12 10
CHICAGO (Mr. A. E. Aston) E. Doyle 9 12 5
START AGAIN (Mr. S. Bennet) S. Bennet 6 12 0
THE UNKNOWN QUANTITY (Mr. W. B. Scott) Private a 12 0
ST. ENDAS (Miss O. R. Black) Stanley a 11 10
CARROLSTOWN (Miss W. G. Knight) G. Bennett 8 11 7
ROSY SUN (Lt.-Col. C. M. Jickling) Kemp a 11 5
GREENLAWN (Mr. K. Goode) S. Bennet 4 10 12
BRUNO (Mr. W. Whitbread) S. Bennet a 10 12
ORMSKIRK (Mr. T. Frankland) A. Law 8 10 10
SOUTHERN JOY (Mr. G. S. Poole) Private 9 10 10

1.30—SURBITON SELLING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 1½ m. st. lb.

ALIETTE (Mr. T. A. Edge) G. Poole 10 12
SOUTHOVER (Sir Henry Bird) Hammond 10 5
STRONSAY (Mrs. H. G. Gregson) C. Young 10 5
PILATUS (Mr. H. Hirst) F. Hartigan 10 5
CHRISTOPHER WREN (Mr. Hugh Peel) G. Poole 10 5
PRINCESS PICTON (Mr. S. Rihll) H. Turner 10 5
MAGENTA (Mrs. A. C. Saunders) Clement 10 5
(The above have arrived.)
ORMADA (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) Powell 10 12
PRINCESS VI. (Mr. J. H. Batho) Batho 10 5
BOULT (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 10 5
MIXED DOUBLE (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 10 5
DERBY BRIGHTS (Mr. H. Betteridge) Hanson 10 5
NORTH VIEW (Mr. H. G. Bradford) Bradford 10 5
CLENT (Mr. R. Brendon) W. Escott 10 5
BYPO (Mr. Siegmond Cohen) Tabor 10 5
PERFECT FORM (Mr. Siegmond Cohen) Tabor 10 5
BLUE RUIN (Mr. J. S. Courtauld) A. Law 10 5
LADY JAQUENETTA (Mr. M. J. Cummins) Newey 10 5
FIRE STONE (Mr. S. Galtrey) G. Bennett 10 5
PHALORIA (Lt.-Col. R. H. Hermon-Hodge) W. Nightingall 10 5
SANDY HOOK (Mr. J. H. Hall) T. Leader 10 5
MAY B. (Mr. W. H. McAlpine) G. Poole 10 5
HAREWICK (Mr. A. Prince) Hedges 10 5
THISTLE GLASS (Mr. J. E. Rowson) Beatty 10 5
BUCKLE (Mr. J. H. Saunders) McKie 10 5
BLACK JERRY (Mr. F. N. Smith) Private 10 5
NAPLES (Mr. T. Walls) Walls 10 5
SLOVAIC (Baroness Zouche) A. Law 10 5

2.0—WEY SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. 310 yds.

PROSPERITZ (Mr. J. S. Counsell) E. Piggott a 11 12
REDSHANK (Mr. T. Hulme) Hulme 5 10 6
(The above have arrived.)
GROUND SCOUT (Mr H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 6 12 7
SOUTHERN GLEAM (Sir George Abercromby) Jackson 8 11 13
FLEECY WAVE (Mr. Quinlan) Killalee a 11 13
GLENGARRY II. (Mrs. Crichton) H. A. Brown a 11 12
HAVE A CARE (Maj. D. M. Methven) Powell 9 11 11
NEWLANDS (Mrs. Bower Ismay) Hastings a 11 8
ROYAL TOY (Mrs Sanday) Sanday 6 11 7
OUTLAW (Mr. W. Parsonage) Bullock a 11 5
WRANGLE (Mr. P. Thrale) Tabor 6 11 2
FITZPICTON (Capt. H. C. Davey) Goby 6 11 0
BRIGHT PROSPECT (Mr. W. A. H. Hudson) Lerwill 5 10 10
SORREL HILL (Mr. C. L. Smith-Ryland) Hall 9 10 7
KAREL (Mr. G. T. Eaton) Private 5 10 6
MERRY HORN (Mr. P. W. Hyde) Benstead 6 10 5
THE BOATSWAIN (Lt.-Col. G. W. Parkinson) Reardon 4 10 3
FINE YARN (Mrs. C. Stevens) Stevens 4 10 0

2.30—HURST PARK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 550 sovs. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

EMPHATIC (Mrs. H. McKenna) McKenna 5 12 1
OLD NIC (Sir Henry Bird) Hammond 4 11 0
SIGNET (Mr. F. W. Wilmot) G. Poole 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
FLAMING SWORD (Lady Watts) G. Poole 6 12 7
SMOKE CLOUD (Lt.-Col. O'Malley-Keyes) Martin 5 11 8
HIGH FORCE (Lord Rosebery) J. Jarvis 5 11 6
GAVOTTE (Mr. P. Layton) R. J. Colling 5 11 3
CROISEUR (Mr. W. F. Larkin) Larkin 5 11 2
ALL AWAY (Mrs. John Howeson) W. Nightingall 4 11 2
CONFIRMATION (Mr. Siegmond Cohen) Tabor 4 11 1
DESERT ROSE (Mr. H. C. Miller) Clement 5 11 0
CROCK HILL (Capt H. C. Davey) Goby 5 10 13
SON O' LOVE (Mr. H. J. Boam) East 5 10 11
DR. BARNEY (Mr. J. Groarke) E. Doyle 6 10 10
RACKWAY (Ld. Coventry) Withington 6 10 9

3.0—MOLESEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 3 m. 180 yards. Age. st. lb.

TOM CROW (Lord Queenborough) Gore 7 11 12
CASH BOX (Mr. R. Havelock-Allan) Woodland 7 10 3
OWD BOB (Mr. J. H. Batho) Batho 4 10 2
(The above have arrived.)
THE BLEEKA (Mr. M. V. McKevitt) G. Poole 7 12 7
JIMMU (Mr. G. P. Sanday) Sanday a 12 5
MAUREEN BAWN (Mr. E. L. Lloyd) T. Leader 9 12 4
GEM (Major C. Norris) G. Bennett 8 12 2
MOUNT ETNA (Sir E. Edgar) Whitaker 7 12 2
GRENHURST (Lord Westmorland) Westmorland 8 11 11
POTHEEN (Lord Londesborough) Coulthwaite 9 11 10
RUDDY GLOW (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) Sanday 6 11 9
CUCKMERE LAD (Mr. F. Strange) T. Wilson 9 11 8
HARD NAIL (Lord Denman) Orbell 9 11 1
SOUTHERN LASS (Mr. E. H. Bartholomew) Kelly 9 10 10
SILVER SOMME (Mr. J. Hutton) G. Poole 7 10 10

3.30—STRAWBERRY HILL HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

HOLIHONIC (Capt. C. R. Leake) E. Doyle 4 12 4
MASTER OF ARTS (Mr. W. A. Bankier) Hastings 7 12 2
LAUZUN (Mrs. Boswell) Whitaker 6 12 2
WHITE PARK (Lady Edgar) Whitaker 5 12 2
KILWINNING (Mrs. H. McKenna) McKenna 9 12 2
LEMBACH (Mr. W. T. de Pledge) Pope 5 12 2
GOLDEN BRICK (Mr. T. W. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall 4 11 11
TUDOR KING (Mr. J. S. Courtauld) A. Law 4 11 11
DESERT CHIEF (Mr. H. F. Sturdy) T. Leader 4 11 11
MUSTELINE (Mr. H. J. Delaforce) W. Nightingall 3 10 7
POMME-DE-GUERRE (Mrs. G. H. Russell) T. Leader 3 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
GENERAL POST (Mr H. J. Greville) Smyth 4 12 4
THE BIG THREE (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin 4 12 4
FOUNDATION (Mr. H. J. Boam) Dale 6 12 2
LORD OFFALY (Mrs. E. Brock) G. Bennett 5 12 2
SUN CHARMER (Sir Delves Broughton) Coulthwaite 5 12 2
PANTAGRUEL II. (Mr. J. W. Colt) Craven 5 12 2
FERDIA (Miss A. E. Corbett) Bullock 7 12 2
INVISIBLE (Miss F. Goodman) Hulme 5 12 2
DULEEK (Mr J. J. McAuley) Private 7 12 2
CLOCHNABEN (Mr. W. Murray) McDougal 5 12 2
LITTLE WAVELET (Mr. J. F. Norris) Rayson 5 12 2
BELSIZE (Mr. P. W. Shaw) G. Bennett 5 12 2
COOLDRINAGH (Mrs. C. Stevens) Stevens 5 12 2
CYCLAX (Mr. A. Barclay Walker) Coulthwaite 5 12 2
SILVER HACKLE (Lady Westmorland) Westmorland 5 12 2
HARPENDEN (Mrs. S. Whitburn) Spittle 5 12 2
MARK ANTHONY II. (Mr. H. Abrahams) G. Poole 4 11 11
ZARA (Lady Edgar) Whitaker 4 11 11
MONTCALM (Mr. J. Hutton) G. Poole 4 11 11
AZIMUTH (Mr. Gilbert Johnstone) E. Piggott 4 11 11
IVYMOUNT (Sir Malcolm McAlpine) G. Poole 4 11 11
ROYAL SILVER (Mr. Mather) Larkin 4 11 11
PORUS (Ld. Rosebery) J. Jarvis 4 11 11
KINSMAN (Mr. F. W. G. Weeden) Larkin 4 11 11
GOLDEN ... (Mr. A. Bostall, jun.) Higgs 3 11 5
HEROD ANTIPAS (Maj. H. T. Barclay) Gore 3 10 7
FLINT STONE (Mrs. H. B. Beddington) F. Hartigan 3 10 7
IMPRUDENCE (Mrs. Cornelius) Larkin 3 10 7
MILL CRAFT (Mr. A. Gore) Gore 3 10 7
TUTANKHAMEN (Mr. H. M. Stobart) J. M. Bell 3 10 7
PYRAMIDON (Lord Westmorland) Westmorland 3 10 7

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 20th	9-Mile Stone	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Saturday, 20th	Straffan Bridge	11.0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Laracor	11.0

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

These hounds brought off a very fine hunt from their fixture at the 10-Mile Bush on Wednesday with an outlier, which had harboured in the Lagore woods since eluding capture after the long hunt of the Wednesday previous. Finding him quickly in Lagore by Green Hills Bridge, the pack hunted with a none too serving scent by Ballymurphy, and in a ring round the Red Bog by Curkeen and Ballymore, back to Lagore again. Quickly forcing him away over the Bonestown road, they hunted through Gerrardstown and away over the Navan road into Redlands, pointing for Killeen, a former haven of this stag. Without dwelling here, he skirted the Killeen woods, and led them on by Clowanstown to Roestown, and by Smithstown to Killeen Glebe, where they checked. Quickly recovering the line they hunted away over Belper Hill, and by Odder Cottage to Ringlestown, until scent failed at the Hill of Tara. The stag was last seen heading for the woods of Lismullen, but with the light failing and horses dead-beat, this information was not acted on, the hounds being called off after making a seven mile point over extremely heavy country.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

Friday, 12th, Springhill—The bottoms at the back of Grallagh graveyard held a brace of hares, and the selected one ran fast through Ashgrove to Iraleigh, then turning to the left went through the divided farm of Springhill to Knocklion, where she crossed over the point-to-point course to Prospect Hill. Swinging to the right she went through Mr. Monk's farm at Larklands, and running straight back to Knocklion, hounds ran on by Newtown to Adamstown and into Lazybush, where the hare was coursed by collie dogs, and nothing further could be done. This was a capital hunt of 45 minutes. Another hare was found on Knocklion, and hounds went away very fast through Adamstown to Mr. John Duffy's farm of Nutstown, thence by Jordanstown and Cottrelstown to Kane's furze, where hounds were stopped after a brilliant 35 minutes.

Tuesday, 16th, Chapelmidway—Scent was very bad when we drew Corrstown, and, although we found almost immediately, hounds were only able to carry on the line for a few fields. Scenting conditions had improved when we reached Newbarn, which was our next draw. Several hares were on foot here, but hounds quickly settled down to one, and with a screaming scent ran over the Dunwater to Greenogue, then turning sharp ran parallel to the Ashbourne-Swords road to the Moat, and crossing Newbarn again ran almost to Greenogue, where we lost on the road. This finished the day.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.—December—Monday, 22nd, Kilnagros; Tuesday, 23rd, Dunsany Castle; Wednesday, 24th, Slane Castle; Friday, 26th, Allenstown; Monday, 29th, Dunderry Park; Tuesday, 30th, Kilbride. January—Friday, 2nd, Kilmoon; Saturday, 3rd, Brittas; Monday, 5th, Rahinstown; Tuesday, 6th, Ross X; Thursday, 8th, Patrickstown X; Friday, 9th, Batterstown. At 11 a.m.

BRAY HARRIERS.—The Bray Harriers will not meet to-morrow, owing to the wet state of the ground.

QUEEN'S CO. HUNT.—Change of meet—Saturday, December 27, Ballykilcavan, instead of Friday, Rahenahone.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—These hounds will meet at Firhouse to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

HUNTING.—For reports from leading packs and list of appointments see the "IRISH FIELD," published every Saturday. On Sale at all Newsagents. Price 2d. Subscription rates—13/- Yearly; 6/6 Half-yearly. Head Office—11 D'Olier street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

CRICKET.

MR. JOEL'S XI. v. TRANSVAAL.

JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

The three days' match between Mr. Joel's XI. and the Transvaal ended to-day in a victory for the Englishmen by 8 wickets. Score:—

TRANSVAAL.

First Innings	109
Second Innings.	
N. Lindsay run out	49
H. Cameron c Bowley b Kennedy	13
M. J. Susskind l.b.w. b Parker	88
A. H. C. Cooper b Geary	5
H. G. Deane c Bowley b Kennedy	118
V. H. Neser c Bartley b Geary	1
R. Sturgeon c Geary b Parker	10
J. Sutherland b Kennedy	31
W. D. Duff not out	13
C. D. Dixon l.b.w. b Parker	1
A. E. Hall b Parker	1
Extras	24
Total	354

MR. JOEL'S XI.

First Innings	349
Second Innings.	
Holmes c Cameron b Hall	8
J. C. W. McBryan c Deane b Hall	12
Tyldesley not out	55
Russell not out	38
Extras	4
Total (2 wkts.)	117

BOWLING.

Mr. Joel's XI.—Second Innings—Cooper, 0 for 44; Hall, 2 for 48; Dixon, 0 for 24.

Transvaal—Second Innings—Kennedy, 3 for 80; Geary, 2 for 79; Parker, 4 for 120; Jameson, 0 for 39; Bowley, 0 for 12.

RUGBY.

IRISH INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS.

F. S. Hewitt will play for his club in Belfast next Saturday, and C. F. Hallaran will assist Richmond during the holidays.

ASSOCIATION OF REFEREES (L.B., I.R.F.U.).

A meeting of referees and representatives from clubs will be held, as arranged, in the tearooms, Lansdowne road (by kind permission), this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

Old Wesley v. Blackrock College. Donnybrook.
N.I.F.C. v. Wanderers. Belfast.
Lansdowne v. Monkstown. Lansdowne road.
Palmerston v. Bective Rangers. Milltown.
Knock v. Queen's University. Belfast.
Garryowen v. University College (Dublin). Limerick.
Co. Kildare v. Clontarf A. Naas.

Railway Union v. Enniscorthy, at Enniscorthy, on Saturday next. This match is cancelled. Railway Union members please note.

"A LESSON FROM OXFORD."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I read with interest "Lover of the Game's" letter in to-day's issue of your paper, and quite agree with him that it was very pleasant to see the Oxford backs in operation. It is always delightful to watch a triumph of skill and speed. I do not agree, however, with your correspondent when he asks: "Can nothing be done to put our backs, as a team, on the level with great English teams?" I am strongly of the opinion that our backs—in recent years at any rate—compare more than favourably with those of other countries. They possess skill, pace and defence. In the last department, particularly, they outshine most other international backs.

Forward play by itself seldom wins matches—witness Ravenhill last year, when our forwards beat the English pack for fully three-fourths of the game, but apparently would not trust their backs. As everybody knows, England won on this occasion, although she certainly did not deserve to do so on the run of the play. She won, in fact, because she trusted to her backs when all seemed lost. We are, indeed, fortunate in possessing backs of the calibre of the Stephensons and the Hewitts, but they must be given more opportunities of showing their skill in international matches.—Yours, etc.,

G. V. S. IRELAND.

Blackrock, Co. Dublin, December 18th, 1924.

BOXING.

AT THE RING.

In a twenty-round contest at The Ring, London, last night, Phil Bond (Lambeth) beat Bugler Harry Lake (Plymouth), the referee stopping the contest in the seventeenth round. Bond was much the more aggressive throughout, and in the seventeenth round had Lake down three times.

AT PREMIERLAND.

At Premierland last night, the Scottish welter-weight, Alfred Ireland (Leith) beat Nol Steenhorst (Holland) on points, over fifteen rounds.

CITY AND SUBURBAN HARRIERS.

Run to-morrow (Saturday) from Croydon Park House. All members meet at Fairview avenue, Fairview, at 3.30 sharp. Visitors invited. In view of the near approach of the Novices' Championship, a full attendance of members is earnestly requested.

SELECTIONS FOR HURST PARK MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	Connolly's Folly.	May B.	Prosperitz.	Smoke Cloud.	Mount Etna.	Imprudence.
S. Life and Sportsman	Connolly's Folly.	Aliette.	Wrangle.	Confirmation.*	Gem.	White Park.
Man on the Spot	White Ronald.	Aliette.*	Fitzpicton.	Confirmation.	Maureen Bawn.	White Park.
Westminster Gazette	Devonport.	Aliette.	Fitzpicton; if ab., Redshank.	Emphatic.	Tom Crow.	Kilwinning.
Daily News	White Ronald.	Aliette.	Prosperitz.	Signet.	Maureen Bawn.	White Park.*
Daily Express	Connolly's Folly, next best.	Ormada; if ab., Aliette.	Glengarry II.; if ab., Fitzpicton.	Signet.*	Grenhurst; if ab., Gem.	General Post; if ab., The Big Three.
Daily Mirror	Devonport.	Southover.	Fitzpicton.	Flaming Sword.	Hard Nail.	Tudor King.
Daily Graphic	Rosy Sun.	Slovaic.	Prosperitz.	Old Nic.*	Tom Crow.	Pomme-de-Guerre.
Star	Connolly's Folly.	Pilatus.	Fitzpicton.	Smoke Cloud.	Mount Etna.	Imprudence.*
Evening News	Devonport.	Pilatus.	Outlaw.*	Confirmation.	Silver Somme.	Imprudence.*
Evening Standard	Connolly's Folly.	Pilatus.	Royal Toy.	Smoke Cloud.	Mount Etna.	White Park.
Daily Mail	Devonport.	Aliette.	Fitzpicton.	Confirmation.	Gem.	Musteline.
Times	Devonport.	Poole's selected.	Fitzpicton.	Smoke Cloud.	The Bleeka.	Porus.

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CASINOS NOT TO CLOSE.

ANOTHER LEASE OF LIFE FOR SWISS GAMBLERS.

BERNE, Thursday.

The Council of States, the First Chamber of the Swiss Parliament, to-day adopted a resolution to the effect that the time limit of five years, which was to elapse before the putting into force of the article of the Constitution, voted by the nation in 1919, prohibiting games of chance in the Swiss kursaals, should only be reckoned from the date of the registration of the National Referendum by Parliament, and not from the date of the referendum, thus permitting gambling to go on in the kursaals during 1925.

The adoption of this resolution by the Council of States conflicts with the decision of the National Council, or Second Chamber, which recently voted that the time limit should be calculated from the date of the referendum.—(Reuter.)

GAMES FOR THE INSANE.

GREAT CURATIVE POWER.

"Athletic games are of the greatest value as contributing to direct the attention of the insane from their delusions," said Dr. O'C. Donnellan, the resident medical officer, at a meeting yesterday of the Joint Committee of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin.

In many cases he could attribute recovery to the fact that patients were inclined to take part in games and sports. The expenditure on this item last year was £145 15s., or 10d. per patient.

There was no expenditure that gave more genuine benefit to the patients, Dr. Donnellan added. In view of last year's experience, he would not recommend any limit to the expenditure on games in any detail, but would propose that nurses, male and female, should be considered on duty when taking part in games, while they were purported to be either "on duty" or "off duty." All kinds of games, he said, were a most useful adjunct to treatment.

COURSING.

THE BARBICAN CLUB.

The Barbican Cup meeting was continued at Four-Mile Stables, Newmarket, yesterday.

THE BARBICAN CUP, presented by the Barbican Repository, Ltd.—For 64 all-ages.

III.

Nibbles Nonsuch beat Newville Chief. 3 to 1 on Nibbles Nonsuch.
Stowmarket beat Watteau. 9 to 4 on Watteau.
Wykeham beat Beaded Nellie. 2 to 1 on Wykeham.
Sir George beat Terrific Encounter. 4 to 1 on Terrific Encounter.
Dig Deep beat Bon Marche. 5 to 4 on Dig Deep.
Thalia II. beat Sir Boris. 5 to 4 on Sir Boris.
Junior Journalist beat Non Nebulosa. 5 to 2 on Non Nebulosa.
Newville Chance beat Kay's Attempt. 7 to 4 on Newville Chance.

IV.

Nibbles Nonsuch beat Stowmarket. 6 to 4 on Nibbles Nonsuch.
Wykeham beat Sir George. No betting.
Junior Journalist beat Newville Chance. 7 to 4 on Junior Journalist.

THE BARBICAN PURSE—For the 32 dogs beaten in the first round of the Cup.

Hot Springs beat Crystal Measure. No betting.
Ditton Duke beat Artful Molly. 2 to 1 on Artful Molloy.
Best Bargain beat Artist Proof. 6 to 4 on Best Bargain.
Golden Myth beat Happy Drive. 11 to 10 on Happy Drive.
Woodthorpe Whisky beat Go There. 7 to 1 on Woodthorpe Whisky.
Queen of Spades and Saddling Bell drawn.
Deliverance beat Hazard Chase. 6 to 4 on Deliverance.
Patroness beat Lady A. 3 to 1 on Lady A.
Ballyduff beat Denet. 2 to 1 on Ballyduff.
Jealous Branty beat Trappings. 2 to 1 on Trappings.
Little Marjorie a bye, Captain Cuttle VI. absent.
Hoy Leper beat Bacon. No betting.
Templemark and Red Ribbon drawn.
Markham beat All Prepared. 3 to 1 on Markham.
Golden Hector and Beef drawn.
Eve's Birthday beat Rum Runner. 9 to 4 on Eve's Birthday.

II.

Ditton Duke beat Hot Springs. No betting.
Golden Myth beat Best Bargain. 5 to 2 on Best Bargain.
Woodthorpe Whisky a bye.
Deliverance beat Patroness. 5 to 2 Deliverance.
Jealous Branty beat Ballyduff. No betting.
Hoy Leper beat Little Marjorie. 4 to 1 on Hoy Leper.
Markham a bye.
Eve's Birthday a bye.

THE BARBICAN PLATE—For the 16 dogs beaten in the second round of the Cup.

Harminster beat Stuntney Lord. 4 to 1 on Harminster.
Heroine a bye, Honeygirl drawn.
Springing Blood a bye, Hoy Labona drawn.
Steady the Drum a bye, Jack-in-the-Box drawn.
Torwood a bye, Gladiator disqualified.
Beaded Jet a bye, Woodlark drawn.
Sarre Bess beat Dolor. 2 to 1 on Dolor.
Sarre Bess drawn, Bright Expectations drawn.

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BILLIARDS.

SMITH v. REECE.

Reece's fate was sealed this afternoon at Piccadilly, London, when Smith played so well that he finished the session with a lead of 621. Smith aggregated 869 for an average of 54, while Reece scored only 211, and averaged 13. Smith made breaks of 164, 113, 157, 319 and 120 (unfinished). Reece's only effort of note being 132. Interval scores:—Smith (in play), 14,250; Reece (receives 5,000), 13,629.

Smith again dominated the proceedings at night, scoring 795 and averaging 83, against Reece's figures of 229 and 25. Smith's breaks were 403 and 392 (unfinished). Reece's only run of note being 143. Closing scores:—Smith (in play), 15,000; Reece (receives 5,000), 13,858.

NEWMAN v. INMAN.

Newman took the lead for the first time this afternoon in his match with Inman at Liverpool. The champion played remarkably fine billiards to aggregate 1,063 while Inman was gathering 280. Newman made breaks of 159, 176, 200, 120, 288, 106 and 89 (unfinished), Inman having only one notable run of 145. Interval scores—Newman (in play), 12,604; Inman, 12,510.

Inman regained the lead at night, making breaks of 311 and 48 (unfinished). Newman recorded 91, 61 and 193. Closing scores:—Inman (rec. 4,000), in play, 13,060; Newman, 12,963.

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER BRANCH I.H.U.

There will be a meeting of the Council this evening at 8 p.m., in No. 8 Merrion row. All elected delegates are requested to attend.

When the slow train from Sheffield steamed into Chesterfield shortly before midnight on Wednesday a man, since identified as Norman N. Parry, aged 40, salesman, of Urmston, Manchester, was discovered dead on the floor of a third-class compartment. He had a gash in his head. The police do not suspect foul play, but incline to the belief that on his looking out of the train his head was struck.

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BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.
1.0-2.0—Time Signal from Big Ben. Concert. 3.15-3.45—French Talk. 4.0-5.0—Time Signal. "Thinking of the Ganges," by (Mrs.) Stan Harding. Organ Music. 5.30-6.15—Children's Corner. 6.40-6.55—Colonel J. A. A. Pickard, D.S.O., Secretary, National "Safety First" Association, on "The Art of Driving." 7.0—Time Signal from Big Ben. Weather Forecast and News. S.B. to all stations. G. A. Atkinson: "Seen on the Screen." 7.30—Luton Red Cross Silver Prize Band. 9.30—Time Signal from Greenwich. Weather Forecast and News. Sir Daniel Hall, K.C.B., F.R.S., M.A., on "The Old Farmer and the New." 10.0—The Band. 10.30—Close down.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.
3.30-4.30—Lozells Picture House Orchestra. E. W. Stevens (tenor). 5.0-5.30—Women's Corner: Mr. Harold Baker, F.R.P.S., on "Old Furniture." 5.30-6.30—Children's Corner. 6.30-6.40—"Teens" Corner. 6.40-7.0—For Allotment and Smallholders. 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. G. A. Atkinson. 7.30—A Popular Request Night. The Station Orchestra. Edith Paddock (soprano), Beatrice Dickson (contralto), Romano Ciaroff (tenor), Walter Heard (solo flute), E. W. Parker (Xylophone), Albert Daniels (Child Stories and Impersonations). 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Sir Daniel Hall. S.B. from London. 10.0—Request Programme (continued). 10.30—Close down.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.
3.45-5.0—The "6BM" Trio: Reginald S. Mount (violin), Thomas E. Illingworth ('cello), Arthur Marston (at the piano), Evelyn Fryer (contralto). Talk to Women: Mrs. Falconer on "Cats." 5.0-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.0-6.30—Scholars' Half-hour: Mr. W. Troath, "Christmas Stories." 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. G. A. Atkinson. 7.30—Fun and Favourites. Marcia Bourn and Lena Copping (entertainers), Bernard Albert (ragtime pianist), John Henry (entertainer). The Wireless Orchestra, conducted by Capt. W. A. Featherstone. 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Sir Daniel Hall. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Royal Bath Hotel Dance Orchestra. 10.30—Close down.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.
3.0-3.30—Transmission to Schools. 3.30-4.0—The Station Trio. 4.0-4.45—The Carlton Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks": The Station Orchestra. 5.15-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.45-6.55—Miss Eleanor Vachell, F.L.S., Member of the Botanical Exchange Club of the British Isles, on "Wild Flowers." 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. Local news. 7.30—Orchestra. 7.45—Haidee Gunn and Frank Royde, in scenes, grave and gay, portraying the emotions. Incidental music by the Station Orchestra. 9.15—Orchestra. 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Sir Daniel Hall. S.B. from London. Local news. 10.0—Max Chappell's Dance Band. 11.30—Close down.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.
3.15-3.45—Transmission to Schools. 4.0-5.0—Band. 5.30-6.30—Children. 7.0-10.30—London Programme.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.
12.30-1.30—Organ music by H. Fitzroy Page. 2.30-3.0—Broadcast for Secondary Schools. 3.30-4.30—Concert by the "2ZY" Quartet. 4.30-5.0—Women's Half-hour. 5.0-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.30-6.55—Dr. J. E. Myers, O.B.E., "Everybody's Chemistry." 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. Local news. 7.30—The "2ZY" Dramatic Company present "Just like Judy," a light comedy in three acts, by Ernest Denny. 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Sir Daniel Hall. S.B. from London. Local news. 10.0—Station Director's Talk. 10.5—S. Griffiths-Mow (entertainer). 10.30—Close down.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.
3.30-4.30—The Wireless Quartet. Ina Ogilvie (soprano). Afternoon Topics. 5.15-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.0-6.5—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.40-6.55—Mr. Dudley V. Howells on "Horticulture." 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. Local news. 7.30—Children's Community Singing Concert. S.B. from Aberdeen. 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Sir Daniel Hall. S.B. from London. Local news. 10.0—The Station Orchestra. 10.20—Robert Watson (baritone). 10.35—Orchestra. 11.0—Close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.
4.0-5.0—The "2BE" Quintet. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. Jeannie Erskine, Winifred Burnett (violin), Jerome Murphy (entertainer), W. G. Bates (solo bassoon). 7.30—Orchestra: March, "Hands Across the Sea" (Sousa); Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 1 (Liszt). 7.48 — Jeannie Erskine: In Ulster Character Studies. 7.58 — Winifred Burnett: Ballade and Polonaise (Vieuxtemps). 8.10—Jerome Murphy, in selections from his repertoire. 8.22—W. G. Bates: "Comin' Thro' the Rye" (James). 8.27—Orchestra: Pizzicato for Strings. "The Midge" (Clifford). 8.34—Jerome Murphy in selections from his repertoire. 8.50—Winifred Burnett: Adagio (Franz Ries), Liebesfreud (Kreisler), Hornpipe (Mistowski. 9.2—Jeannie Erskine, in Ulster character studies. 9.12—Orchestra: Selection of Canadian and Plantation Songs (Scott-Gatty); Fox-trot, "Maybe" (Syder and Ahent). 9.30—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Sir Daniel Hall. S.B. from London. 10.0—Close.

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BENEDICTINE DAMES IN CONNAUGHT.

At Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, where the Benedictine Dames, who fled before the invading Germans from their historic abbey at Ypres, have found a home and a sphere of labour, the Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam, presided over the first prize distribution in the school.

The annual report, read by Very Rev. Canon Walsh, showed that the school is making steady progress, and the Archbishop, after the concert, paid graceful tribute to the Dames, lay teachers and students.

In view of the fact that the year 1923-1924 was the last year of the old system, it was decided not to present the pupils for the Intermediate examinations. The only girl who was presented for the matriculation passed with distinction, and has now taken up her studies at the University. This year the number of pupils has very much increased. A splendid new study hall and library have been added. There is also a spacious new refectory. A beautiful new dormitory now completes the accommodation for ninety pupils.

BRITISH TRAWLER AGROUND.

CHRISTIANIA, Thursday.

A British trawler has grounded near Tromsoe. A salvage steamer has been sent to her assistance.—(Reuter.)

Princess Victoria, who is making a visit to Switzerland on account of her health, arrived yesterday at Lugano, where she expects to remain for a month.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

FUNDS AND BANK STOCK WEAKER. GREAT NORTHERN RAILS HIGHER. BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO FINAL DIVIDEND STATEMENT. DUNLOP RUBBER RALLY.

Actual dealing was limited in volume on 'Change yesterday, with a fair share of irregular price movements, without any special feature beyond the continued brisk support for Courtaulds at a further distinct advance in price. Government National Loan was idle until the later market, when the price fell back a little. British Funds show irregular changes. Banks were quiet, with Bank Stock less firm. Guinness Ord. and Pref. did not further change after the previous day's decline. Marconi shares were again dull, with lower prices quoted from the London market, but Radio Common further improved. Rails show some slight irregular movements of little moment. A good many Railway Debenture Stocks were marked ex-dividends. Dublin United Tram Pref. improved. Parent Tyre shares were all quoted ex the dividends to be posted on 22nd inst. The Deferred realised 35s. 6d. ex-dividend and bonus of 9s. a share. Dunlop Rubber Ord. advanced sharply, and Parent Tyre Pref. changed hands at 14s. 7½d. x.d. Quite a number of Manufacturing shares marked ex-dividend. British-American Tobaccos fell a couple of shillings from last marking here prior to the final dividend statement being known, but Imperials closed firm. Courtaulds were again heavily bought, and closed at best point. Coats recovered the 6d. bonus deducted from the price, and Bradford Dyers improved. Calicos were weaker. *Irish Times* 1st Pref. were marked again at 67s. 6d. for an exceptional or broken lot.

Government National Loan fell ⅛ to 92⅛.

British Funds were irregular. War Loan 3½ p.c. rose 1¼ to 96⅞, but Consols fell ⅛ to 57 1/16, War Loan 5 p.c. 1/16 to 101¼, and India 3½ p.c. ⅛ to 66¼. Guaranteed Land 2¾ p.c. was still ineffectually bid for at 57, or 1 over last business done level.

In Banks Bank of Ireland Stock fell 1 to 272 ½ 272, while Munster and Leinsters repeated 6⅞, Nationals 20⅛, and Hibernians 7⅞.

Marconi Ord. fell 3d. to 30s. 7½d., but Radio Common rose ⅛ to 9 11/16, and the Preferred were about 10 bid.

Breweries, etc., were quiet. Guinness Ord. repeated 49⅜, and the Pref. 11 11/16.

The changes in Home Rails include a rise of ⅜ to 55¼ in Great Northern Ord., ½ to 57 in ditto Pref., and 1¼ to 62¼ in ditto Guaranteed Stock. Great Southern Ord. fell ⅜ to 37½, but the Pref. rose ½ to 50⅜, and the Debs. ½ to 69½, while the Guaranteed repeated 56½, and Dublin and South Eastern Pref. 50½.

In Trams, Dublin United Pref. rallied ¼ to 8¼, and in Bakery shares Bolands fetched 42s. 6d., the last price.

In Drapery shares, Todd Burns Debs. repeated 65s.

Dunlop Rubber Ord. turned good, and rose 7½d. to 10s. 4½d., Parent Tyre Deferred realised 35s. 6d. x.d., and bonus of 9s. a share, and the Pref. 14s. 7½d. x.d., 10d. per share.

Among Manufacturing shares, British-American Tobacco quoted 108s. 9d., compared with 110s. 9d. last marking here some time ago. Imperials were unchanged at 85s. Coats rose 6d. to 62s. 9d. ex. bonus of 6d. per share. Calicos fell 6d. to 36s. Goulding Debs. realised 68s. 3d. x.d., and Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. 21s. 3d. x.d. Courtaulds rose 1s. 10½d. to 69s., 68s. 10½d., 69s. 1½d., and the Pref. realised 18s. 3d. x.d. Bradford Dyers rose 9d. to 84s. 3d., and Spinners repeated 55s. 9d.

In Trading, etc., J. G. Mooney and Co. Debs. realised 64¼ x.d., Mexican Eagle Oil rose 4½d. to 16s., and Shell Transports 3d. to 85s. 3d.

Other business done included Helys Pref. at 17s. 9d., Vickers 5 p.c. Pref. at 16s. 6d., and Greek (New) 7 p.c. Loan at 6⅜ prem.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

Nat. Loan....(92¼)	*92⅛	Dunlops .....(9/9)	10/4½
Consols ......(57⅛)	57 1/16	Bolands Ord. (42/6)	42/6
3½% War Ln..(95⅞)	96⅞	Todd Deb.......(65/-)	*65/-
5% War Ln.(101⅛)	101¼	Brad. Dyers..(83/6)	84/3
India 3½% ......(66⅛)	66¼	Calicos ....(36/6)	36/-
Greek Loan...........	6⅜ pm.	Coats ..(62/9)	62/9c /9 x bonus
Bank of Ireland (273)	272½c 2c	Courtaulds..69/-	8/10½ 9/- 8/10½ 9/1½
Hibernian ......(7⅞)	7⅞	Do. Pref...........	18/3 x.d.
Mun. & Lein.....(6⅞)	6⅞	Spinners ...(55/7½)	55/9
National ....(20⅛)	*20⅛	B.A.T. .....(110/9)	108/9
Guinness .....(49⅜)	49⅜	Imp. Tob.......(85/-)	85/-
Do. Pref.......(11 11/16)	11 11/16	Goulding Deb. (70/-)	68/3 x.d.
Marconi ....(31/-)	30/9	Hely's Pref....(18/-)	17/9
Radio Common	9 11/16	Lever 7% (21/9)	21/3 x.d.
G.N. Ord.	55¼	Mooney Deb. (66¼)	64¼ x.d.
Do. Pref.......(56⅝)	*57	*Irish Times* 5½% (67/6)	*67/6
Do. Guar.......(61)	*62¼	Mex. Eagle Ord.	16/-
G.S. Ord.......(37⅞)	37½	Shells	85/3
Do. Pref.......(50⅛)	50⅜	Vickers Tax Free Pf.	16/6
Do. Guar.......(56½)	56½		
Do. Deb.......(69)	69½		
Dub. Tram Pref..(8¼)	8¼		
Parent Def. (44/-)	35/6 x.d. & b.		
Do. Pf.(15/3)	14/7½ x.d.		

* Odd lot, b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
General contango day	Jan. 6	Jan. 20
Ticket day	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Account day	Jan. 8	Jan. 22

BELFAST.

Owing to the approach of the Christmas holidays business was again on a small scale on the Belfast Exchange yesterday. War Loan was dealt in at 101¼, 101 5/16 and 101 5/16; Consols brought 57 1/16, and National War Bonds (1928) were done at 106. In Corporation issues Belfast Harbour Stock was done at 72¼, and an odd lot of Corporation 3½ p.c. 1928 Stock at 90. In Bank Shares Northern Bank "B" were done at 2 11/16. In Industrials Coats changed hands at 62s. 9d. ex bonus. Old Bushmills Distillery Ord. brought 10s. and Bank Buildings Pref. 7⅜. Forster Greens were done at 5¼. Dunlops changed hands at 10s. 1½d., and a transaction at 10s. on Wednesday was also recorded.

COMPANY NOTICES.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND COMPANY.

At the General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company, held at Broadstone Terminus, Dublin, on Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1924, Major J. H. C. Cusack, Chairman of the Company, in the chair, it was

RESOLVED—That the Common Seal of the Company be affixed to the Register of Proprietors.

RESOLVED—That the Report of Directors and Statement of Accounts attached thereto, as circulated among the Proprietors, be adopted.

RESOLVED—That the Interim Dividends paid for the half-year ended the 30th day of June, 1924, less income tax, are hereby declared, and shall be deemed to rank as Dividends for the year of Account 1924 as follows:—

At the rate of 5% per annum on the 5% Preference Stock.
At the rate of £4 per cent. per annum on the Four Per Cent. Preference Stock.
At the rate of 4% per annum on the 4% Rent Charge Stock.
At the rate of 3% per annum on the Consolidated Stock of the Company.

RESOLVED—That, in accordance with the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924, and of the Railways (Great Southern) Preliminary Amalgamation Scheme, 1924, the sum of £7,385 15s. 0d. be voted out of the assets of the Company for distribution among the Directors who cease to act, as compensation for loss by abolition of office, and not as remuneration in respect of past services.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. A. J. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Blood, and passed unanimously.

H. C. CUSACK, Chairman.
EDWARD H. TAYLOR, Acting Secretary.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1924.
Broadstone Terminus, Dublin.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Directors, in their Annual Report, have recommended to the Shareholders the payment, on the 19th January, 1925, of a Final dividend on the issued Ordinary Shares for the year ended 30th September, 1924, of 2/- per share, free of British Income Tax at 4/- in the pound, and have declared a First Interim Dividend on the issued Ordinary Shares for the year from the 1st October, 1924, to 30th September, 1925, of 10d. per share, free of British Income Tax at 3/10½ in the pound, also payable on the 19th January, 1925.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer for Ordinary Shares will (subject as to the said Final Dividend to the same being sanctioned at the Annual General Meeting of the Company, to be held on the 12th day of January next) be entitled to be paid the said Final and Interim Dividends on and after the 19th day of January, 1925, at the Office of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 33 Lombard street, London, E.C. 3. Coupon No. 103 in respect of the said Final Dividend, and Coupon No. 104 in respect of the said Interim Dividend, must be left for examination at the Office of the said Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 33 Lombard street, London, E.C. 3, three clear business days (excluding Saturday) before payment is made.

Dated the 12th day of December, 1924.

By Order,
A. M. RICKARDS, Secretary.
Westminster House,
7 Millbank, London, S.W. 1.

LONDON STOCKS STEADY.

NEW VICTORIAN LOAN.

The London Stock markets were rather brighter yesterday, business being on a somewhat better scale, notwithstanding the hindrance occasioned by the final stage of the settlement. The chief exception was the gilt-edged market, which was quiet on the underwriting of a new Victorian Loan. Like many of the recent gilt-edged issues, it will bear interest at the rate of 4½ p.c. It will be offered at 97¼, which is a point lower than the Port of London issue earlier in the week, although its redemption terms are the same, being 1940-60. British Funds were quiet and price changes were few. Funding Loan were good, the final quotation being ⅛ better than the overnight level at 89¼. 5½ p.c. Treasury Bonds dropped ⅛ to 103⅜.

Among Colonial Government Scrips, Queensland 5 p.c. were a good spot, the final quotation being ⅛ better at 62⅜. South Africa 5 p.c., on the other hand, shed 1/16 to 71⅜. Australia 4½ dropped their improvement of the previous day, finishing ⅛ lower at 32¼. Radio Corp. Pref. marked a slight improvement to 10 1/16. Among Brewery issues, Distillers were again in good demand, and after a heavy business, left off ⅛ better at 2⅛. Guinness Ord. shed 4 points to 495, while the Pref. were maintained at 117½. Watney, Combe Def. put on 2 points, the closing level being 218¼. Newspapers were good, "Mirror" Ord. gained 1s. 7½d., while "Pictorial" Ord. at 85s. 7½d. were 4½d. up. Associated Def. and "Mail" Debs. were both repeated. Dunlop Ord. put on 6d. to 10s. 6d., while the Debs. were quoted x.d. at 106. Parent Tyre Ord. were 1 x.d., while the Def. were marked at 1 11/16 x.d. and bonus. Finlay James further improved to 81s. 3d.

FOREIGN BONDS QUIET.

Foreign Government stocks were extremely quiet, and overnight prices were generally repeated. French Loans were unaffected by a further drop in the franc, the Fives closing at 20¼, while the Fours were also unaltered at 16. Portuguese 3 p.c. were strong, an increase of 2 points being registered at the close to 29. Uruguay 3½ p.c., on the other hand, shed ⅛ to 60¼.

BRITISH RAILS BETTER.

Home Rails exhibited a slightly better tendency and price changes were generally in favour of holders. Among Southerns, the Def.-Ord. lost ¼ to 32¼, but the 5 p.c. Pref. finished a point to the good at 102. Undergrounds were firm, but without further alteration.

FOREIGN RAILS LOWER.

A distinctly lower tone was manifest in Colonial and Foreign Rails. Buenos Ayres Great Southern lost ¼ to 86, while the Pacific were also ½ lower at 79. The Westerns were maintained at 76. Central Argentine Ord. lost ¼ to 72. Grand Trunk Pacific 4 p.c. Perp. Debs. were quoted 82 x.d. Mexican Rails were heavy and lower. The Rails finished ½ down at 7¼, while the 8 p.c. Pref. at 27, and the 6 p.c. Pref. at 14 were both a point lower.

OIL SHARES HARDER.

Following a quiet start, with certain of the leading issues inclined to dulness, the Oil share market developed a harder tendency as the day progressed, and while attention was once more directed mainly to a few specialities, the price movements finally recorded favoured holders in the majority of cases. Although generally higher on balance the recognised leaders presented nothing of outstanding interest. Shells improved, while Royal Dutch also came into demand, and registered an advance. Anglo-Persians received rather more attention than of late, and the price responded; Burmahs also showing to better advantage, while Anglo-Americans further advanced. Mexican Eagles Ord. left off unchanged, while a small loss was marked in the 7 p.c. 1st Pref. Among Venezuelans, the British Controlled issues received the bulk of attention, and both the Common and Pref. shares registered improvements. A quietly steady tone was maintained by V.O.C. Holdings. In other directions Lobitos continued to receive a fair amount of attention, a further advance resulting from the day's business. London and Thames Haven Oil Wharves held their recent improvement. Caltex Oils came on offer towards the close, and the price gave way in consequence.

RUBBER SHARES BETTER IN TONE.

A slightly better tone was manifest in the Rubber share market yesterday. Business was again on the small side and price changes were consequently few. A number of issues finished the day lower than the previous level, but the majority showed a margin in favour of holders. Anglo-Malay were a good spot, and at the close they showed a gain of 1s. 6d. to 25s. 6d. Mooply Valley put on 1s. 1½d. to 24s. 4½d., while General Ceylon at 43s. 9d. were 9d. to the good. Selaba at 25s. 10½d. showed an increase of 10½d. Rubber Trust finished 4½d. better than the overnight quotation, while Straits Rubber at 20s. 3d. were 6d. up. Sendayan, on the other hand, were heavy, the final quotation being 1s. 8¼d. lower at 31s. 10½d. Sialang dropped 1s. 6d. to 34s. 9d., while Sapumalkande at 21s. 3d. were 7½d. down. Java Amalgamated lost 1s. to 27s. 6d., while Eastern Trust at 16s. 4½d. were 10½d. lower. The price of rubber rose to 18⅞d. per lb.

TEA SHARES FIRM.

A firm tone was manifest in the Tea Share market yesterday, while the amount of business transacted was again on a good scale. Most of the leaders were fairly active, but with a few exceptions speculative issues were quiet. A long list of alterations was recorded, and while a few issues finished the day slightly below the previous level, the majority of changes were in favour of holders. Consolidated Tea and Lands were quoted x.d. at 84¼. Amalgamated Estates improved, the final quotation being ⅜ higher at 50½. Assam Frontier were a strong spot. Business commenced at 8¼, and with a steady demand further improved to 8⅞, but they finished below the best, showing an increase of 1/16 at the close. Assam Doocars, on the other hand, came on offer and finished ⅜ down at 59⅜. Eastern Produce put on 1s. 9d. to 87s. 1½d., while Dooloogram closed 1s. higher at 69s. 6d. Jokai and Jorehaut were again on the up-grade, the former marking an improvement of 1s. 7½d., while the latter gained 1s. 6d., closing prices being 99s. 7½d. and 102s. 6d. respectively. Borhella continued to improve. At the close on Wednesday they were marked at 31, yesterday they opened at nearly 32, and after touching 32¼, closed at 31⅜, or ⅜ better on the day. Jhanzie were a good spot, the closing level being 96s. 10½d. x.d. Upper Assam, on the other hand, were dull, a decrease of 1s. 9d. being marked at 70s.

INDUSTRIALS REMAIN FIRM.

Signs of the approaching festive season were apparent in the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday, and had their effect on business. Despite this, however, the tone remained firm throughout, though changes were mostly of slight extent. Dealings commenced in Armstrong 6½ p.c. Consolidated Mort. Debs. at 1 discount, but by the close the price had strengthened to ½ discount. Considerable strength was exhibited by Whiskey descriptions, among which Distillers were prominent, finishing with a gain of 3s. at 53s. J. Walkers put on 1s. 6d. to 66s. 6d. and Buchanans rose 4½d. to 69s. 6d. Breweries were steadier, with Watney Def. 2 higher at 218¼. In Textiles, Courtaulds were again a centre of interest. Fresh support during the earlier hours took them to 69s. 3d., but subsequent profit-taking caused a set-back to 68s. 9d., at which they finished 3d. better on balance. Otherwise Textiles showed few movements. A fall of 3d. in Canadas to 5s. 3d. was the only noticeable change in the Marconi group. Liptons at 29s. 3d. and Bovril Def. at 47s. 3d. were lower by 3d. and 9d. respectively. Reports concerning the company's prosperity stimulated the demand for Eastwoods, which finished another 1s. up at 29s. Elsewhere in the Miscellaneous trading list James Finlays suffered from a few realisations and eased to 81s. 9d., though business took place up to 82s. 6d. Dunlops were a firm spot at 10s. 6d. Oil Cakes strengthened to 23s. 3d. Columbia Gramophones were a firm market at 40s. 9d. ex the dividend, allowing for which they closed 1s. 6d. better on balance. Apart from a slight decline in Associateds to 22s. 6d., News shares remained firm, the Def. rising another 1/16 to 6 11/16. Nitrates had a firmer appearance. In the Land group, Sudans put on 1/16 to 7⅛.

Firmness was again displayed by the Insurance group, among which Royal Exchange found fresh support, the price closing another 5 points higher at 680. General Accidents suffered from profit-taking and closed ¼ down at 9, after changing hands at up to 9⅛ at one time. Suns put on ⅛ to 22⅛, and gains of ⅛ occurred in Commercial Unions to 22⅛, in Northerns to 17, and in Royals to 31⅛. Bank shares, however, were rather off colour. Iron, Coal and Steels mostly kept steady. Armstrongs further recovered to 15s., and Babcocks put on 6d. to 50s. Shipping securities were on the dull side, P.O. Def. being 295 x.d. Among Motors, Dennis Bros. came into request and moved up to 39s. 6d., and S.T.D. Pref. were a firm market at 11s. 6d. on the resumption of dividends, but Humbers eased to 29s. 3d. and Vauxhalls lost 4½d. at 5s. 9d. B.A. Tobaccos closed below the best and were unchanged at 108s. 6d., but Imperials were favoured and gained 1s. 3d. at 86s. 3d., and United South and the Def. stiffened to 86s. 3d. and 84s. 3d. respectively. Godfrey Phillips strengthened to 1 1/16. A feature of Coffee shares was Agua Santas, which in response to a good demand closed at 37s., as against 36s. sellers the previous day. In recent issues, Liquid Air came into request and recovered to 23s. 6d., and Candover Estates were a better market at 1 discount.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	57-58*	4½% Conv. Ln.	96⅞-97⅛
War Ln. 3½%	96⅞-97⅛	5% Treas. Bds.	103½-103⅝ — ⅛
do. 4½%	97-97½	Irish Ln. 2¾%	[illegible]
do. 5%	101⅛-101¼	India 3%	[illegible]
do. 4% (Tax Free)	[illegible]	do. 3½%	[illegible]
Fund'g L/n	88⅞-89⅛ + ⅛	do. 4½%	[illegible]
Victory Bds	[illegible]	do. 7%	[illegible]
3½% Conv. Ln.	[illegible]	Local Lns.	[illegible]
		Sudan 5½%	[illegible]

BANKS.

Anglo S. Amer	7⅞-8	Home Kong	[illegible]
Australasia	13⅝-14⅛	Lloyds	[illegible]
Bank N.S.W.	[illegible]	Midland	[illegible]
Do. N. Z.	[illegible]	Nat. Dis.	[illegible]
Barclays A	[illegible]	Nat Prov.	[illegible]
Brit. F. Trade	[illegible]	Royal of Can.	[illegible]
Do. Overseas	[illegible]	Stand. S.A.	[illegible]
Can. of Com.	[illegible]	Un. Australia	[illegible]
Char. of India	[illegible]	Westminster	[illegible]

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	[illegible]	Q'sland 4	[illegible]
Aust. Com. 5½%	100-102	do. 4½	[illegible]
do. 6%	105-107	do. 6%	[illegible]
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	[illegible]	S. Africa 4%	[illegible]
Canada 4%	[illegible]	do. 5%	[illegible]
do. 4½ 1930-5	[illegible]	S.A'stral'a	[illegible]
Cape 3½ Cons.	[illegible]	do. 5%	[illegible]
Ceylon 6%	[illegible]	do. 6%	[illegible]
Natal 3½	[illegible]	Victoria 4	[illegible]
N.S.W. 4½ '22-7	[illegible]	do. 5%	[illegible]
do. 5½ 1922-7	[illegible]	W.Aus. 4%	[illegible]
do. 6½% 1922-32	100-102	do. 5%	[illegible]
do. 6½% 1930-40	107-109	do. 5%	[illegible]
N. Zeal'd 4, '29	[illegible]	do. 6%	[illegible]
Nigeria 6%	[illegible]		

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U. Dec. 16.				
101½	Argentine, 1886	100½	102½	
77½	Do. 4 p.c. Rescessions	77	79	
92	Do. 5 p.c., 1909	[illegible]	[illegible]	
42½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	42	44	
84½	Do. Funding, 1898	83	85	
72½	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	72	74	
83½	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	[illegible]	[illegible]	
80½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	[illegible]	[illegible]	
86	Do. 5 p.c., 1913	[illegible]	[illegible]	
98½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]	
76½	Egyptian Unified	76	77	
20½	French Loan	20	21	
16	Do. 4 p.c.	15½	16½*	
2/0	German 3 p.c.	1½	1½	
19½	Italian Rentes	18½	20½	
80½	Japan 4 p.c., 1905	[illegible]	[illegible]	
79½	Do. New 6 p.c., 1907	78	80	
92	Do. 6 p.c., 1924	91½	92½	
44	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	[illegible]	[illegible]	
44	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	45	46	
4½	Peruvian Corporation	5	5¼	+ ⅛
20½	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
28½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	28	30	+2
107½	San Paulo 8 p.c.	[illegible]	108	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
61	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	60	61	— ⅛

BRITISH RAILS.

108	Great Western	107½	108½	
100	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	99½	100½	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	81	83	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	80	82	
83	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
20½	Do. Def. Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	81	82	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
80½	Metropolitan	82	83	+ ½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
34½	Do. District	33½	34½	+ ½
84½	Southern Pref. Ord.	84	85	
43½	Do. Def. Ord.	43	44	— ½
41	Do. "A"	41	42	
10	Do. "B"	9½	10½	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	101	103	+1
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. '24	[illegible]	101	
2½	Underground Electric	3	3½	
99½	Do. Income Bonds	[illegible]	101	
105	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87½	Antofagasta	86	88	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	78	80	
—	Bahia Blanca	83	85	
—	Brazil Railway Common	½	⅝	
86½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	85	87	— ¼
79½	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	78	80	— ½
76½	Buenos Ayres and W.	75	77	
164½	Canadian Pacific	160	162*	
72½	Central Argentine	71	73	— ¼
69½	Central Uruguay	[illegible]	70½	
—	Entre Rios	24	26	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	81	83*	
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	67	70	
28½	Leopoldina	[illegible]	[illegible]	
8½	Mexican Rails	7	8	— ½
29	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26	28	—1
15	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	13	15	—1
—	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.	5	6	
2½	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	2	3	
159	San Paulo Ord.	156	162	
84½	United Havana	84	86	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	126	128	
—	Baltimore	88	90	+2
—	Chesapeake	101	103*	
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	17	18	
34	Erie	33	34	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	49	51	
—	New York, Ontario	27	29	+1
82½	Southern Common	82	84	
—	Do. Pref.	87	89	
—	Southern Pacific	110	112	+1
157½	Union Pacific	159	161	+1

TELEGRAPHS.

24½	Anglo-American Def.	24½	24⅞	
1⅛	Marconi Wireless Ord.	1½	1⅝	
1⅜	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. Debs.	101½	103½	
1¼	Do. Marine	1	1¼	
5/9	Do. Canada	5/3	5/6	—0/1½
—	Oriental Telephone	[illegible]	2*	
9½	Radio Corporation	9½	9¾	
10½	Do. Pref. (350)	10	10⅛	+ 1/16

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

15/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅜	½	
88½	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	87	90	
—	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	89	92*	
46/6	Do. Ord.	2 7/16	2½	
495	Guinness	490	500	—4
—	Do. Pref.	115	120*	
20/3	Peter Walker Ord.	20/0	21/0	
2 6	South African Breweries	1⅛	2⅛*	
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	21/0	22/0	
211	Watney Combe Def.	216	221	+2

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

28/9	Aerated Bread	1⅜	1½*	
48/9	Bovril Def.	2⅜	2½	— 1/16
29 6	Lipton	1⅜	1½	
4½	Lyons (J.)	4⅜	4½*	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	27/1½	27/4½	—0/1½
5/3	Maypole Def.	5 6	5/6	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	⅝	¾	
1⅛	Spratt's Patent	1⅛	1¼	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	1	1¼*	
24/4½	Van Den Berghs	1⅜	1½	
—	Do. Pref.	4⅜	5*	

IRON AND STEEL.

14/6	Armstrong (W. G.)	14 3	15/3	+0/3
11/0	Cammell Laird	11/0	11/6	
12/6	Dorman Long	12 3	12/9	+0/3
—	Furness Withy	35/0	37/0	
16/0	John Brown	[illegible]	[illegible]	
11/0	Do. (15/- paid)	1	1⅛	— 1/16
20/6	Pease and Partners	[illegible]	[illegible]	
31/3	South Durham Steel	2⅛	2⅜	
23 3	Siemens	[illegible]	[illegible]	
7 9	United Steel	7 6	8 6	+0/3
11 6	Vickers Ord.	11/0	12/0	
—	Weardale Iron C.P.O.	1⅛	1⅜	

LAND.

—	Aboukir Land	18/0	19/0	
10/0	Argentine Northern Land	1/16	⅛	
28/0	Do. Southern Land	1⅜	1½*	
11/6	B.N.B. Land	½	⅝	
22/6	Forestal Land	1 1/16	1⅛*	
5¼	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅛	5⅜*	
15/6	Niger Pref.	¾	⅞	
11 9	Pekin Syndicate	½	⅝	+ 1/16
27/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅜	1½	

NEWSPAPERS.

6 9/16	Asso. Newspapers Def.	6½	6⅝	
—	Daily Mail Deb.	108	109½	
6¼	Daily Mirror Ord.	6⅜	6½	+ ⅛
4 11/16	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	85/1½	86/1½	+0/4½

NITRATES.

23½	Alianza	23	24	
78/6	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	78 0	80/0	+2/0
8½	Lautaro Nitrate	8½	9	
1½	Lagunas Nitrate	34/0	36/0	
74/0	Liverpool Nitrate	74/0	76/0*	
73/0	London Nitrate	73/0	75/0	
36/6	Rosario Nitrate	36/0	37/0	
39/0	Santa Rita Nitrate	38/0	40 0	
3⅛	Santiago Nitrate	3	3½	
16/6	Tarapaca Nitrate	16/0	17/0	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

35/0	African and East. Trade	34/0	36/0	
3⅛	Anglo-Arg. Tram 1st Pf.	2⅛	3⅛*	
15/6	Associated Cement	15/0	16 0	
16/0	Do. Pref.	15/6	16/6	
42/0	Borax Con. Def.	2⅛	2⅛*	
28¼	Brazilian Traction	56	58	
28/0	British Portland Cement	26/0	28/0	
—	British Glass	1/7½	1/10½	+0/2
13/0	B.S.A.	13 0	14/0	
22/9	British Oil and Cake	1⅛	1 3/16	
89½	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	88	91	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	88	91*	
108/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	107/0	109 0	
39 3	Brunner Mond	38/6	39/6	
42 0	Bryant and May	2⅛	2⅛	
—	De la Rue Deb.	31⅛	31⅜	
9/9	Dunlop Rubber	10/0	11/0	+0/6
109	Do. Deb.	104	106*	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	103	105*	
—	English Electric	18/3	19/0	
—	Finlay (James)	4	4⅛	+ 1/16
20/6	General Electric Ord.	20 0	21/0	
—	Do. Debs.	104	107	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1 1/16	1⅛*	
85 9	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	85 0	86/6	+0/6
21/7½	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	21/0	22/0*	—0/3
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	107	109	
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	99	101	
22	Mexican Trams	19	21	
—	Do. Bonds	70	74	
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds	38	40	
24/6	Nobel Ord.	24/3	25/3	
21/0	Do. Pref.	20/6	21/6	
—	Do. Def.	9/6	10/0	
44/4½	Parent Tyre Def.	1 11/16	1¾*	
23/0	Do. Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
34/3	Platt Bros. Ord.	1⅝	1¾	
29/6	Rolls Royce	1⅜	1½	
28/0	Salt Union	1⅜	1½*	
98	San Paulo Tram Deb.	94	98	
—	Shawinigan Water Debs.	109	112	
—	Tilling Ord.	2⅜	2½	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	4⅜	4⅝	
—	United Alkali	1⅝	2	
23 0	Wallpaper Def.	22/0	23/0	+0/9

SHIPPING.

14/0	Cargo Fleet	13/0	14 0
—	Court Line	22/0	23 0
—	Cunard Ord.	19/0	20/0
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19 0	20/0*
—	P. and O. Def.	295	300*
—	Royal Mail Ord.	96	98

TEXTILES AND STORES.

11/1½	Amalgamated Cotton	10/6	11/6	
64.0	Bleachers	3⅛	3¼*	
83/0	Bradford Dyers	4⅛	4¼	
8 0	British Celanese Ord.	8/0½	8 3½	—0/1½
36 6	Calico Printers	1⅞	1⅞	
62 6	Coats	3⅛	3¼*	
68 0	Courtaulds	3⅜	3½	+ 1/16
60 6	English Sewing Cotton	2⅞	3	
55/0	Fine Spinners	2⅞	2⅞	
43 6	Harrods	2⅛	2⅜	+ 1/16
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1⅜	1⅜	
31/3	Lister Ord.	1⅝	1⅝	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1 3/16	

OILS.

M.U. Dec. 16.				
⅛	Agwi Petroleum	⅛	3/16	
3⅜	Anglo-American	3⅜	3 7/16	+ 1/16
2½	Anglo-Ecuadorian	2 7/16	2½	+ 1/16
1⅛	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅛	1¼	
24/0	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	24/1½	24/7½	—1½
23/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	23/3	23/9	
—	Do. Ord., issued 3¼ p.c.	3/16	⅜	+ ⅛
94½	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	94	96	
2⅝	Apex Trinidad	2⅜	2⅝	
2⅝	Attock	2⅛	2⅝	
15/0	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	
6/9	British Burmah (8/-)	6/0	7/0	
13/0	British Controlled	14/1½	14/4½	+0/4½
14/6	Do. Pref.	14 9	15/0	+0/3
4⅝	Burmah	4⅝	4⅝	+ 1/16
29/3	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	29/3	29/9	
3/0	Caltex	2/9	3/0	—0/3
8/6	Dacia Romano	8/0	9/0	
4⅜	Eagle Transport	4⅜	4⅜	
100	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	101	103	
103½	Do. Bearer	102	104	
6/6	General Pet. Trinidad A	6/0	6/6	
14/6	Kern River (10/-)	14/1½	14/7½	
9	Lobitos	9	9¼	+ ¼
15 0	Mexican Eagle	15 9	16/3	+ ½
14/9	Do. Pref.	14.0	14/6	
13/9	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	13/3	13/9	—0/1½
½	North Caucasian (10/-)	⅛	¼	
2/6	Peru Syndicate	1/0	2/0	
19/0	Phoenix	18/10½	19/4½	+0/3
—	Rumanian Consolidated	12/3	13/0	
31	Royal Dutch	30⅛	31⅛	+ ½
4⅜	Shell Transport	4 7/16	4½	+ 1/16
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅝	10	
25/1½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	24/10½	25/4½	—0/1½
2⅜	Spies (10/-)	2⅝	2¾	+ ⅛
9 7½	Steaua Romana	9/0	10/0	
6/3	Tankers Pref.	6/0	6/6	
1⅝	Trinidad Central	1⅜	1⅝	
1⅛	Trinidad Lease	1⅛	1⅛	
7 4½	United Brit. Trinidad	7/0	7/6	+ 1/16
1⅛	Ural Caspian	1 1/16	1⅛	
2 3	Urox Oil	1/10½	2/4½	
2⅝	V.O.C. Holdings	2⅝	2¾	
2/6	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	2⅝	2⅝	

RUBBERS.

44/0	Anglo-Dutch	44/7½	+0/3¾	
2/10½	Anglo-Java	2/10		
1⅝	Anglo-Malay	25/6	+1/6	
4/6	Bertam Cons.	4/6		
3 0	Bukit Mertajam	2 10½	+0/0½	
2/0	Bukit Sembawang	2/0½		
10/3	Damansara	10/10½		
22/0	Grand Central	22 1½	+0/1½	
1⅛	Highlands	1⅛		
2/9	Kamuning	2 9½	+0/2½	
4/3	Kepong	4 3½	+0/3½	
1⅛	Kuala Lumpur	1⅛		
1⅛	Labu	37/0		
1⅛	Linggi	31/0		
3/10½	London Asiatic	3/10½		
1⅛	Malacca	1⅛		
36 6	Malayalam	36/0		
3/6½	Merlimau	3/6		
1⅛	Mooply Valley	24/4½	+1/1½	
2 7½	Port Dickson	2 6¼		
32 0	Rubber Trust	32/9	+0 4½	
14 3	Seafield	14 9		
1⅛	Sendayan	31 10½	—1/8¼	
1⅛	Sialang	34/9	—1/6	
20/0	Straits Rubber	20 3	+0/6	
1⅛	Tali Ayer	1⅛		
1⅛	Tandjong	1⅛		
3/10½	Un. Serdang	3/10½		
3⅛	United Sua Betong	3⅛		
13 0	Vallambrosa	13/10½	—0/3	

Ampat	4/3		Membakut	18/1½	
Anglo-Sum	50 0		N. Hummock	15 6	
Bah Lias	33/0		P.P.K.(C'yl'n)	20/1½	
Batu Tiga	22/9		Pataling	21/0	
B.N.B.R.Tst	13/0		Pegoh	20/0	+0/6
Brieh	27/0*		Pilmoor	19/0	—0/0½
Bukit Cloh	4 0		Rim Malacca	3/0	
Bukit Rajah	22/6		Rub.E.Johore	21/0	
Castlefield	4/9	—0/1½	Sapong	42 3	
Chersonese	3 1½		Sapumalk'de	21/3	—0/7½
Cicely	3/2	+0/2½	Selangor	5/0	
Eastern Trust	16 4½	—10½	Serdang (Cnl)	29/0	—0/3
Gen. Ceylon	43/9	+0/9	Soember Ajoe	1/10½	
Glenshiel	26/0		Sumatra Con.	21/9	
Glenshiel	14/3		Sungei Buaya	23 6	
Golden Hope	23 7½		Sungei Choh	20/0	
Java Amal.	27 6	—1.0	Sungei Kapar	4 3	
Kapar Para	30/0		Sungei Kr. Pl.	30 3	
Kasinton	21/0		Taiping	1/7½	
Kepitigalla	1/3½	+0/2½	Tamiang	29/9	
Kombok	4/0		Tebrau	35 7½	
Langkat Sum	23/0		Telogoredjo	45 0	
Ledbury	32/3		Temph	1/9	—0/1
Malacca Deb.	97½		Un. Temiang	2/3	—0/2
Manch'ter N.B.	23 6		Yam Seng	2 3½	

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum div. § bonus.

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	50½	+ ⅜	Doom Dooma	73½*	
Anglo-Ceylon	53/6	—0/1½	E.I. & Ceylon	70/0*	
Assam Co.	1⅛		E. Assam	5⅛	
Assam Cons.	21/9*		East Produce	87/1½	+1/9
Assam Front'r	8⅝	+ 1/16	Empire	94/3*	
Assam Doocars	59⅜	— ⅜	Galaha Ceylon	73/9*	
Aso. T.E. Cy'ln	43/1½	—7½	Imperial	60/0*	
Attaree Khat	4⅜		ImperialCeylon	61/3	
Balijan	55/0	+0/1½	Jetinga Valley	48/3	
Bargang	63/0	+2/0	Jhanzie	96/10½*	
Borelli	5⅜		Jokai	99/7½	+1/7½
Borhella	31⅜	+ ⅜	Jorehaut	102/6	+1/6
Bowlana	79/10½		Longal Valley	51/0	
Brahmapootra	3⅝		Lungla	49/1½*	
British Assam	5⅛	+ ⅛	Lunuva	44/7½	+0/4½
Brit. Indian	96/6*		Lunuva new	4 0m	
Budla Beta	7⅛	+ ⅛	Majuli	95/6	+0/6
Cachar&Do'ars	10/1½	+1/0	Moabund	87/6	+0/10½
Ceylon Plant	110/0	+0/6	Nedeem	86/0	+0/6
Ceylon Prop	54/3		NewSylhet	5⅜	+ 1/16
Chargola	37/1½	—0/9	Pandan	21/0	—0/4½
Chubwa	65/0		Peacock & Nil.	4/7½	+0/0½
Chulsa	66/0		Poonmudi	4 1	+0/1½
Con. Tea & L	84¼*		Rosehaugh Cey	35/4½	
Darjeeling	42/0	+0/3	Seph'juriBheel	16/6	
Ditto Cons	72/6		Singlo	90/3	
Dejoo	47/7½		Tea Corpo.	29/7½	+0/4½
Doundi	28/4½	—0/10½	Travancore	5⅜	
Dimbula Valley	39/4½		U. Planters, C.	74/6	+0/3
Doocars	89 7½	+0/9	U. Assam	70 0	—1/9
Doolcogram	69/6	+1/0			

*Ex dividend.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Alliance, £14 15/-; do. New, 15 1/16; British General, 51/4¼, 6d.; Commercial Union, 22¼, ⅛, 5/16; Consolidated Assurance, 39/6, 40/7½, 6d.; Employers' Liability, 89/-, 90/-, 89/9; General Accident, 9 1/16, 9, 1/16, 9, 1/16, 9⅛, 1/16; do. Cum. 5 p.c. Pref., 20/-; Guardian, 7⅛; do. Eastern, 8/6; London Lancashire, 20⅛, 20; London Associated Re-Insurance, 7/3, 3d., 7½d.; Motor Union, 8⅛, 1/16, ⅛; North British, 20⅛, ⅛, 3/16; Northern Assurance, 16⅞, 17, 17; Phoenix, £13 14/6, 13⅛, 1/16, ⅛, £13 3/3; Prudential "A," 20⅛, ⅛, ⅛; do. "B," 37/6, 7/-, 3d., 4¼d., 6/10¼; Royal Exchange, 665, 665, 80, 1, 3, 4, 75, 82; Royal Insurance, 31⅛; Scottish Union, 10⅛, £10 10/-; United British, 38/-, 7/9, 10½d., 3d., 6d.; Victory, 4/1¼, 4¼d., 6d., 4/-, 3⅛; Western Alliance Re-Insurance, 12/6, 7d., 7½d., 4¼d., 7½d., 9d.; World Auxiliary, 24/10⅛, 9d., 7½d.; Yorkshire, £11 0/6; Associated Re-Insurers (10/- paid), 11/1¼; Caledonian Insurance (£1 paid), 15⅛, 16.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Alliance, 14¼; Commercial Union, 22 1/16; Employers' Liability, 89/6, 9d., 90/-, 89/9; General Accident, 9 1/16, ⅛; London and Lancashire, 20⅛; North British, 20⅛, 1/16, ⅛, 1/16; Northern Assurance, 17⅛, 1/16, ⅛; Phoenix, 13⅛, 1/16, 3/16, 1/16, ⅛; Royal Exchange, 675; Royal Insurance, 31 1/16, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛; Scottish Union, 10⅛, ½; Sea, 3⅛; Yorkshire, 11 1/16.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

EDWARD AND JOHN BURKE.—The Board, at their meeting yesterday, declared interim dividends for the half-year to 31st October last at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Pref. Shares and at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Ord. Shares, both less income tax at 5/- in the £, the same as last year. Dividends will be issued on the 1st January, 1925.

IRISH CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING.—The sum added to reserve is £1,500, not £1,000, as stated yesterday.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN.—Final dividend at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for the six months ended 30th June last. In 1923 the corresponding dividend was 2 per cent. actual.

BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY.—The final dividend shows an increase to 2/- a share (free of tax at 4/- in the pound), compared with 1/9 3-5 a year ago; while the interim is increased from 9 3-5d. per share to 10d. per share (free of tax at 3/10 in the pound). The net profits amounted to £4,866,265, an increase of £371,296. The balance forward, £3,914,115, compares with £3,531,645 brought in. An advertisement in another column sets out the arrangements for the payment on share warrants to bearer on and after January 19.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.—Final dividends of 18/6 per cent. on the Pref. Ord. and £2 19/2 per cent. on the Def. Ord. Stock, both free of tax, making total dividends for the year of £4 16/2 per cent., free of tax, on the Pref. Ord. Stock, and £6 9/8 per cent., free of tax, on the Def. Ord. Stock.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY CO.—Final dividend for the year ended September 30, 1924, of 8 per cent., together with a bonus of 2 per cent., on the Company's Ord. Stock, both less tax, making 13 per cent. per annum.

J. F. AND H. ROBERTS.—Dividend of 3½ per cent. actual and bonus of 2½ per cent. actual, both less tax, making 10 per cent. in all; £12,000 allocated; £36,412 forward.

JOSEPH NATHAN AND CO.—Trading for the year ended September 30 resulted in a net profit of £31,415, and there is a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of £42,129. The directors consider it prudent to maintain the finances of the company in a liquid state, and they have, therefore, decided not to resume payment of the dividend on the Pref. Shares at the present time. The annual general meeting will be held on the completion of the balance sheet and audit in February or March. If the present trading results are maintained it is anticipated that it will then be possible to announce the resumption of the payment of the "A" Pref. dividends.

JAMES W. COOK AND CO.—Final dividend on the Pref. Shares of 2½ per cent. for the half-year.

LEEDS CITY BREWERY.—Dividend of 5 per cent. on Ord. Shares for the year.

MALAYAN TIN.—Interim dividend of 1/- and bonus of 1/-.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER POWER.—Dividend of 4½ per share on Preferred Stock.

PUNDALOYA TEA CO. OF CEYLON.—Interim dividend of 10 per cent.

SANTA RITA NITRATE CO.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax.

SOUTHERN PERAK DREDGING.—Interim dividend of 1/- and bonus of 1/-.

SHAWINIGAN WATER AND POWER.—Dividend of 4½ per share on Common Shares.

S.T.D. MOTORS.—Interim dividend of 3½ per cent. on the Pref. Ord. Shares. This payment is in respect of the half-year ended September, 1923.

TRANSVAAL CONSOLIDATED LAND AND EXPLORATION CO.—Interim dividend of 10 per cent., free of Union of South Africa dividend tax.

LONDON MINING MARKET CHEERFUL.

KAFFIRS A BUSY SECTION.

More cheerful conditions prevailed in the Stock Exchange yesterday, and in many directions the volume of trading was decidedly on the increase. In the Mining market Kaffirs gave a good account of themselves, and the opinion was expressed that most of the evening-up of books usual at this period of the year had been completed. Moreover, Paris was better inclined towards many of its favourites, and an inquiry from that source helped to strengthen the general tone. The Cape, however, was doing nothing. A highly-interesting review of the position of the industry was given by the Chairman at the recent meeting of the "Johnnies" Company in Johannesburg. Central Mining continued in favour and further advanced, and a good investment demand existed for Union Corporation, but most of the other leaders, after an early display of strength, came on offer towards the close, Paris support having ceased, and small shrinkages were the rule. West Springs were a prominent exception, and the persistent demand for these shares was described as of a very knowing character. East Rand and several of the lower-priced shares weakened. Central West were a fairly busy centre. In the Rhodesian department several counters enjoyed considerable activity, but Chartered were unable to retain their position, and they finished 1½d. lower at 16s. 7½d. Cam and Motor were a strong spot and registered a sharp advance, and Selukwe were well supported, a good business being in progress in the "street," where some 5,000 shares changed hands at 14s. 1½d. Sherwood Starr, Resende, and many others went ahead, Tanks and Zams being particularly prominent and substantially higher. In the early hours De Beers were in request, but later they fell back and closed unchanged. Premier Pref., however, improved. The price of tin fell £1 to £259 12s. 6d. per ton, but the Share market remained strong as ever. The Malayan Co. announces an interim dividend of 1s. and bonus of 1s. on account of the current year, but, curiously enough, the shares were easier. A very satisfactory statement was made at the meeting. The Southern Perak meeting was also of a very encouraging character, a 1s. dividend and 1s. bonus being announced. These shares were better, as were also Ipoh Tronoh and several others. Pahang were a better market, but Nigerians were again rather neglected. Among Coppers, Tintos were a strong spot, a persistent demand partly on Paris account lifting the price £1. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 15.		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅛-1¼
18/0	Anglo-French	14/9-18/3
2/3	Brakpan	[illegible]
12¼	Cent. Min'g (£8)	12¼ 12⅝ + ⅛
13/6	Central W'st(5/-)	13/3-14/0 —0/3
3⅛	City Deep	3⅛-3¼
20/0	Con. Goldfields	[illegible]
15/0	Cons. Main Reef	14/9-15/3 —0/3
18/3	Cons. Selec. 10/	[illegible]
2⅝	Crown Mines(10/)	[illegible]
23/9	Durban Deep	23/3 23/9 —0/3
12/3	E. Rand Prop	12/0-12/3 —1/3
3⅛	Geduld	[illegible]
14/0	Gen. Mining	14/0-14/6
12/0	G. M. Investment	10/6-11/0*
7/3	Government Mines	7⅛-7⅜ — 1/16
12/9	H. E. Prop	12/9 12/3
25/3	Johan'burg I'vst.	[illegible]
5/0	Kleinfontein	[illegible]
17 6	Knight's	16 3 16 9—0/3
32/0	Langlaagte Estate	20/9 21/3—0/3
3⅜	Meyer & Charlton	3⅜-3⅝
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/)	4⅛-4⅜
28/1½	Modder B (5/)	[illegible]
2⅝	Modder Deep (5/)	2⅝-2⅞
3⅛	Modder East	[illegible]
1⅛	New State Areas	1⅛-1⅜
8/0	Nigel	[illegible]
9/3	Nourse Mines	[illegible]
2⅝	Rand Mines (5/)	[illegible]
20/3	Randfontein	19 9 20/3
1⅛	Rob'son D A (1/)	[illegible]
39/0	Robinson Dp. B	39/0-39/6
13/3	Rose Deep	12/0-13/0
11/3	Sable (5/-)	10/10½-11 1 + ⅛
2⅝	S.A. Gold Trust	[illegible]
2⅛	Springs Mines	[illegible]
12/0	Sub Nigel	11/9 12/3
3	Trans. and Del. B.	[illegible]
27/0	Trans. Con. L (10/)	27/0-27 6
44/6	Union Corp(12/6)	44/9 45/3 +0/3
26/0	Van Ryn	26/3-26/9
4⅛	Van Ryn Deep	4-4⅛
23/6	Vereeniging	22/9-23/0
11/9	Village Deep	11/1½ 7½ —1½
23/9	West Springs	24 9-25/3+0/9
3/9	Do. Options	4/3-4/9+0/3
⅞	Wit'ersrand Deep	17/0-18 0

RUSSIAN.

7/0	Lena Gold	6/6-7/0
5/0	RussoAsiat.Cns.	5/1½-/4½+1½
4/0	Russian Mining	2/6-4/6
⅛	Siberian Props	5/0-6/0
⅛	Spassky	[illegible]

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 15.		
6/3	Bechuanaland Ex.	6/0-6/6
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2⅛-2 3/16 + ⅛
16/7½	Chart'd B.S.A.	16/6-16/9—1½
2/9	Falcon	2/6-3/0
12/9	Gaika Gold	12/3-12/9
13/3	Globe & Phoenix (5/)	12/9-13/3 —0/3
5/0	Gold F. Rho. (10/)	[illegible]
1⅛	Lonely Reef	[illegible]
1⅛	Resende	1⅛-1 3/16 + 1/16
4/15	R. Broken Hill (5/)	4/0-4/3
13/3	Selukwe (2/6)	13/10½-14/1½+/4½
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1⅛
3⅛	Sherwood Starr	3⅛-3 5/16 + ⅛
31/3	Tanganyika	30/9 31/3+0 9
4/9	Vic. Falls Ord	2⅛-2⅛
31/9	do. Pref.	31/6-32/0
17/6	Wankie Col. 10/	17/6-18 6
5/9	Willoughby	5 6-5 6
20/3	Zambesia Expl.	20/9-21/3+7½

DIAMOND.

⅜	Angola Diamond	⅜-⅜
17/0	Con. D. S. W. A.	16/9-17/3
12⅛	De Beers Def.	12⅛-12¼
11⅝	do. Pref.	11⅝-11⅞
3⅛	Jagersfontein	3⅛-3⅛
7/0	N. Val. River	[illegible]
7⅛	Premier Pf. 5/-	[illegible] + ⅛
⅞	West African	13 6-14 0—0/3

AUSTRALIAN.

20/6	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1⅛
13/0	Associated	12/3-12/9
26/0	Broken Hill Prop	25/6-26/6
2	B. Hill Sth. New	2⅛-2⅛ — 1/16
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref	1⅛-1⅛
19 6	Lake View (10/-)	19.0-20 0
5⅛	North Broken Hill	5-5⅛ + ⅛
13/0	Sulphide Ord.	12/3-13/3+0/9
13/6	South Kalgurli	13/0-14/0
32 6	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	31/0-32/0+0.6
3⅛	do. Pref.	3⅛-3⅛

WEST AFRICAN.

11/6	Ashanti Gold (4/)	11/3-11/9
9/4½	Fanti Cons. (5/).	9/0-9/6
15/7½	Gold Coast Amal.	15/6-16 0
4/0	Taquah & Abosso	3/9-4/3

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 15.		
15/6	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	15/3-16/0
3⅛	Aramayo Mines	3⅛-3⅛
4/3	Bauchi Ord. (10/)	4/3-4/9
8/9	do. Pref. (10/)	8/6-9 0
9 9	Bisichi	9/9-10/3
2⅛	Gopeng	2⅛-2 9/16 + 1/16
33/3	Ipoh	34/0-35/0 +1/3
18/9	Kaduna Synd (5/)	[illegible]
2⅛	Kamunting	2⅛-2⅛ — ⅛
2⅛	Kramat Pulai	2⅛-2⅛ + ⅛
3⅛	Malayan T.D.	3⅛-3⅛ — ⅛
15/6	Mongu	15/0-16/0
22/0	Naraguta	21/6-22/0
10/6	Pahang (5/-)	10/6-11/0+/7½
1⅛	Rambutan	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Renong	1⅛-1⅛
14/9	Ropp (4/ Sh)	13/9-14/3
4⅛	Siamese	4⅛-4⅜
9/6	South Bukeru	9/6-10/0
32/9	Tavoy	31/0-32/0
2⅞	Tronoh	3-3⅛ + 2/3

COPPER.

⅛	Arizona (5/-)	⅛-⅛*
⅞	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅞-⅞
8/9	Mount Morgan	8/9-9/3
24/6	Mount Lyell	23/6-24/6*
1⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅛
39⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	39⅛-40⅛+1
11/3	S. American (2/)	10/0-11/0

MISCELLANEOUS.

⅛	Bingo Pref.	⅛-⅛
14/0	Brit. Platinum	13/3-13/9
13/3	Burma Corp.	16/1½-16/4½+0/3
7/1½	Champion Reef	6/9-7/3
1⅛	Choson Synd "A"	1⅛-1⅛ + ⅛
—	Colombian Props	19/6-20/6
3/7½	Cordeiroy Synd	3 3-4/0
2⅛	Huronian Belt	2⅛-2⅛
3 6	Keeley Silver	3/3-3/9+0/3
7 0	Kirkland Lake	6/9-7/3
4⅛	Mexico Mines	4⅛-4⅛*
3⅜	Minerals Separ't'n	3⅜ 4⅛ + ⅛
11/0	Min. Crp. of Can.	11/3-11/9+0 3
12/9	Mysore (10/-)	11/3-12/3
6/3	Nat. Min. (f.p.)	6/0-6/6
8/0	Nundydroog	7/3-8/3
13/3	Ooregum	12/9-13/9
8/0	Oroville	8/9-9/3
12 0	Porcupine Gold	[illegible]
19/0	St. John Del Rey	18/0-19/*
24 6	San Francisco (10/)	25/3 25/9—0/3
10/9	Santa Gertrudis	10/3-10/9
—	S. Amer. G. Areas	⅛-1
5 6	Vipond	5/7½-/10½+/4½
⅛	Waihi Gold	1⅛-1⅛

* Ex. Dividend. † Ex. Rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—57 1/16, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16. **3½ p.c. War Loan**—97⅛, 6⅞, 7, ⅛, ⅛, 7. **4½ p.c. War Loan**—97⅛, ⅛, 6⅞, 7⅛, 7, ⅛. **5 p.c. War Loan**—101 3/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **4 p.c. War Loan**—101, ⅛, ⅛. **Funding Loan**—89 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—79, ⅛, 6⅞. **Victory Bonds**—93, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **India 4½ p.c.**—97 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 7. **India 4½ p.c.**—86⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Australia 6 p.c. Stock**—106⅛, ⅛. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—101⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **South Africa 6 p.c.**—104⅛. **Japan 6 p.c. Sterling**—91⅞, 2⅛, ⅛, 1⅛, 2 1/16, ⅛. **Aerated Bread**—26/9, 10½d., 4½d. **African and Eastern**—34/9, 6d., 6/-, 4/10½, 9d., 5/-. **Allied Newspapers Pref.**—20/-, 19/6, 10½d., 20/1½, 19/10½. **Amalgamated Cotton**—11/-, 10/10½. **Amalgamated Press**—44/9, 5/4½. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—44/4½, 7½d., 9d., 3d., 1½d., 9d. **Armstrong**—14/9, 15/-. **Assoc. Cement**—15/6, 3d., 9d., 7½d., 3½d., 3d., 4½d. **Associated Newspapers Def.**—6 9/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 39-64, ⅛, 37-64, ⅛. **Baldwins Ord.**—13/6, 6d. **Barclays Bank "A"**—"1 1/16, ⅛, ⅛. do. "B"—56/10½, 7/-, 6/9, 7/1½, 6/9. **Beecham Estates Pref.**—21/1½, 7½d. **Bovril Def.**—47/9, 7/-, 6/9, 7/4½, 7/-, 3d. **Brazilian Traction**—57, ⅛, ⅛. **Brit. Amer. Tobacco**—109/-, 8/3, 10½d., 9/3, 1½d., 8/9, 7½d., *9/6. **British Oil and Cake**—1 1/16, 22/10½, 3/-, 4½d., 6d. **Brunner Mond**—39/-, 1½d., 8/10½, 9d. **Bryant and May**—51/3, 7½d., 6d. 3d. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—86, ⅛, 5⅞, 6⅛, 5⅞, 6, *5⅞, ⅛, 6⅛. **Buenos Ayres Western Ord.**—75⅛. **Buenos Ayres Pacific**—79⅛, 9⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 8⅞. **Calico Printers**—35/9, 6/4½. **Canadian Pacific**—161⅛, 60⅛, 1⅛, 60⅛, 1, 60⅛. **Central Argentine Cons.**—71⅞, 2⅛, 2, 1⅞, ⅛, ⅛. **Coats**—72/9, 3/1⅛, 3/-. **Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.**—23/-, 2/9, 3/6, 3d., 3/-; **do. Part. Pref.**—24/3. **Cory (Wm.)**—43/-, 2/9. **Courtaulds**—68/1⅛, 7½d., 6d., 9d., 4⅛d., 9/3, 9/-, 8/10⅛, 4½d., 9d., 8⅛d., 9/1⅛, 8⅛, ⅛, 3½d. **Courtaulds Pref.**—18/7⅛, *6d., 4½d., 19/-, *18/6, 7½d. **Crosses and Winkworth Pref.**—11/9, 12/1⅛, 11/7⅛, 12/0⅛, 1½d. **Cunard Ord.**—19/9. **"Daily Mail" Trust Debs.**—108⅛, *6⅛, *8, 6. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—6 7/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Dorman Long**—13/-. **Dunlop Ord.**—10/1⅛, 4½d., 7½d., 6d., 3½d., 6½d., *10/-, 7½d., 3d. **Dunlop "C" Pref.**—20/6. **Dunlop Debentures**—105⅛. **Dunlop Tire America Debs.**—104⅛, 4. **Edison Swan**—5/6, 9d., 6d. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.**—19/6. **English Sewing Cotton**—60/9, 7½d. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—55/6, 9d. **Finlay (James)**—81/6, 2/-, 1/10½, 80/9, 1/-, 2/-, 1/9, 6d., 3d., 2/3, 1/10½. **Forestal Land**—22/4½, 3d. **General Electric Ord.**—20/6, 1½d., 7½d., 1½d. **General Electric Debs.**—106, 5⅛. **German 3 p.c.**—27/11⅛, 7/-, 6d.; **German 4 p.c.**—18/6, 19/-, 3d.; **do. 7 p.c. External Loan**—99 1/16, *⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛; **do. issued at 92 (£60 paid)**—67⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Grand Central Rubber**—22/1⅛. **Grand Trunk Pacific 4 p.c. Debs.**—69, 8⅞, ⅛, ⅛. **Great Western Rail.**—108⅛, 7⅛, 8⅛, 7⅛, 8⅛, ⅛, ⅛; **do. 5 p.c. Pref.**—103⅛, ⅛, 3, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Guinness Ord.**—497. **Harland and Wolff Pref.**—18/1⅛, 17/10⅛, 18/-, 18/-. **Harrod's Ord.**—9/-, 3d., 6d., 9/-. **Highlands Rubber**—37/9. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—5⅛, *⅛. **Hungarian 7⅛ p.c., 1924**—94⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Imperial Tobacco**—85/3, 4/10⅛, 5/-, *4/7⅛, 5/3, 1½d., 4/9, 10½d., 5/9, 1½d.; **do. Canada**—27/10⅛, 8/3, 7/7⅛, 8/-, 7/6, 9d. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—21/4⅛, 6d., 5½d., 3d., 3½d., 20/7⅛, *1/1⅛, *4½d., *9d., 6½d., *2/-, 1/3⅛; **do. 8 p.c. Pref.**—*21/1⅛, 3d., 6d., *2/-, 1/4⅛, 6d., 5½d.; **do. 7 p.c. Debs.**—108⅛. **Lipton Ord.**—29/3, 9/-, 8/9. **Lister Ord.**—32/-, 1/10½, 9d., 11½d. **Lloyds Bank**—61/3, 4½d. **London Asiatic Rubber**—3/11, 11½d., *8⅛d. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—100⅛, 100⅛, ⅛, *100, *99⅛, 100⅛, *⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.**—82⅛, 3⅛, 2⅛, ⅛, *3; **do. Def. Ord.**—30⅛, *30, ⅛, ⅛, 30, 29⅛, ⅛, *30. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—88/-; **do. 7 p.c. Pref.**—24/9, 10½d. **Malayalam Rubber**—39/-, 8/10⅛, 9/-. **Marconi Ord.**—31/-, 30/6, 1/4⅛; **do. Marine**—20/3, 6d.; **do. Canada**—5/3, 4½d., 6d. **Maypole Def.**—5/4⅛, 3½d. **Metropolitan Rail.**—82⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 3⅛, 3. **Metropolitan District**—33⅛, ⅛, 6⅛. **Midland Bank**—8⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Nat. Prov. Bank (£4)**—£11 8/-, 11⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Nestle 8 p.c. Pref.**—24/3, 1½d., *4/-, 3/6, 4/1⅛, *3d., 3/9. **Nobel Indus.**—24/7⅛, 6d., 9d., 6d.; **do. Pref.**—21/1⅛; **do. Deferred**—9/7⅛. **Parent Def.**—35/10⅛, 6/3, 6d. (x.d. and b.). **Peruvian Corp. Pref.**—38⅛, ⅛, *41, 38⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *40⅛, 38⅛, *41, 38⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Platt Bros. Ord.**—34/-, 3d., 6d. **P. and O. 5 p.c. Debs.**—100⅛, ⅛, 100. **Radio Corp. Com.**—9⅛; **do. Pref.**—10⅛, 10. **Rubber Trust**—32/6, 7½d., 9d., 4½d., 5½d., 4½d. **Selfridge Ord.**—29/3; **do. Pref.**—25/3, 4/9, 5/1⅛, 4/9. **Southern Rail. Pref. Ord.**—84⅛, ⅛, ⅛; **do. Def. Ord.**—43⅛, ⅛, 4, 3⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛; **do. Ord. "A"**—41⅛; **do. Ord. "B"**—9⅛, 10. **Sudan Plantations**—7⅛, ⅛, 7⅛. **Sunday Pictorial Ord.**—85/7⅛, 6/-, 6/-, 3d., 5/3⅛, 7½d. **Swedish Match "B"**—9⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 39-64, ⅛, 39-64. **Turkish Unified**—18⅛, 20, 19⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Underground Elec.**—61/10⅛, 2/3, 1/3, 2/6, 2½d., 3½d., 60/7⅛, 2/6, 9½d., 60/7⅛, *1/-, 1/-. **Underground Income Bonds**—100⅛, 99⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—21/6, 3d., 4½d., 1/-. **United Dairies**—35/6, *4/9, 5/3, 4½d., 7½d., 3½d., *4/9. **United of Havana Rail.**—84⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.**—13/6. **United Serdang Rubber**—*3/9, *7½d., 10d., 11d. **United Tobacco**—84/9, 5/9. **Vickers**—11/3, 3½d., 6d., 1½d., 4½d., 3d. **Walker (Peter) "B" Pref.**—20/10⅛, 6d. **Watney Combe Def.**—218⅛, 19, 20, 1, 20⅛, 18, 20. **Westminster Bank**—18 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, *17⅛. **Whiteley (Wm.)**—77/3. **Workman Clark Debs.**—31⅛.

MINES.

Akim—13/9, 10½d., 14/-, 1½d. **Anglo-American Corp.**—24/10⅛, 9d., 7½d. **Brakpan**—76/10⅛, 8/7⅛. **British South Africa (Chart.)**—16/10⅛, 9d., 17/-, *16/4⅛, 11½d., 16/9⅛, 16/6, 7½d. **Cam. and Motor**—51/10⅛, 3d., 2/9⅛. **Central Mining**—12 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *⅛, *⅛. **Choson Syndicate**—37/2⅛, 3½d., 3d., 6d. **City Deep**—58/9, 9/-. **Cons. Diamond Mines S.W. Africa**—16/9, 17/-. **Consol. Gold Fields**—17/6, 18/5⅛. **Consol. Main Reef**—14/9⅛, 9d., 15/1⅛. **Consol. Mines Selection**—15/9, 4½d., 7½d. **Crown Mines**—56/10⅛, 8/1⅛, 7/9⅛, 6/6⅛, 7/6. **De Beers Def.**—12⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Durban Rood. Deep**—23/3, 4½d. **East Rand Prop.**—*11/7⅛, 12/3, 4½d. **General Mining**—14/3, 14/-. **Government Areas**—*7 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Huronian Belt**—55/-, 4/9. **Johannesburg Invest.**—36/6, *5/4⅛, 6/-. **Kirkland Lake**—7/-, 6/11⅛. **Langlaagte**—21/-, 20/9, 1/6, 1/3. **Modderfontein B (5/- shares)**—28/5⅛, 6d., 1½d., 7/9⅛, 7/6. **Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)**—47/1⅛, 9½d., 6/6. **Modderfontein East**—17/-. **Mount Lyell**—*23/3, 4/-, 3/9, 6d., 3/3. **New Kleinfontein**—4/10⅛, 5/4⅛. **New Modderfontein**—55/7⅛, 6/3, 5/-. **New State Areas**—35/-, 4/4⅛. **Nourse**—8/11⅛, 9/-. **Pengkalen**—40/7⅛. **Rand Mines**—58/9. **Randfontein Estates**—20/1⅛, 2½d., *3d., 3d., *19/3, 7½d., 19/9, 20/-, 19/10½. **Robinson Deep A**—35/7⅛, 8/1⅛. **Robinson Deep B**—39/4⅛, 6d., 3d., 8/10½. **Ropp Tin**—13/10½, 14/-, 3d., *14/10½, 1½d. **Rose Deep**—15/4⅛, 14/-. **Russo-Asiatic**—5/4⅛, 1½d., 3d. **Selukwe Gold**—13/7⅛, 4½d., 3d., 6d., 9d., 10½d., *6d. **South American Copper**—10/9, 9d. **Springs**—54/4⅛, 5/6, 5/7⅛, 6/-. **Union Corporation**—45/3⅛, 3d., 4/9, 5/6, *5/1⅛, 1½d., 5/-. **Van Ryn**—26/9, 4½d., 3d., 9d., 7½d. **Van Ryn Deep**—81/10⅛, 6½d., 80/-, 7½d., 3d., 1/-, 1/3, 6d., 2/-. **Village Deep**—11/1⅛, 2½d., 6d., 11/-, 10/9. **West Springs**—24/10⅛, 5/3, 5/-, 4/9. **Zinc Corp.**—30/3⅛, 9d., 11½d., 1/6, 30/7⅛, 30/-, 30/3, 30/3, 1/-, 3d., 30/6, 29/4⅛.

OILS.

Agwi Corp. "A"—9/-, 3d. **Anglo-American Ord.**—75/7⅛, 6/3, 5/-. **Anglo-Ecuadorian**—46/3⅛, 9d., 11½d., 9/-. **Anglo-Persian Ord.**—48/9⅛, 3/9, 1½d., 4/4⅛, 3/6, 3/4⅛, *2/10, 9d., 4/6⅛, 4d., 6d.; **do. 8 p.c. Pref.**—24/3, 6d., 4½d., 3d. **British Controlled Com.**—13/9, 14/-, 1½d., 3d., 13/11⅛, 13/11⅛, 14/3, 6½d., 13/10⅛; **do. Pref.**—14/6, 7½d., 9d., 8½d., 10½d., 9½d., 7½d. **Burmah**—88-64, 1/16, 5. **Caltex**—2/9⅛, 9d., 11½d. **Kern** [illegible]

TEAS.

Amalgamated Estates—50⅜, ⅛, 49⅞, 50, 49⅞, 50⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Anglo-Ceylon**—53/-. **Assam Company**—50/-, 49/9, 50/3, 49/6, 10½d., 50/4⅛. **Assam Cons.**—21/9, 7½d. **Assam Doocars**—59⅜, 8⅞, 9⅛. **Assam Frontier**—8 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Assoc. Tea Estates, Ceylon**—43/-, 3d. **Balijan**—55/-. **Bargang**—63/-. **Borelli**—£5 5/6. **Borhella**—32, 1⅛, ⅛, 2⅛, 2, 1⅜. **British Assam**—6⅛. **British Indian** (x.d.)—95/6, 6/6, 7/-. **Budla Beta**—7⅛. **Cachar and Dooars**—5 1/16, ⅛, £5 0/6, 5⅛. **Ceylon Plant**—£5 9/6, 5⅛. **Chargola**—37/-, 1½d. **Cons. Tea and Lands** (x.d.)—83⅞, ⅛, 4⅛, 4, 5, 4⅛, ⅛, 3⅛ 3. **Darjeeling**—42/-; **do. Consol.**—72/6. **Doundi**—28/9, 8/-, 7/9, 8/7⅛, 9d., 6d. **Dooars**—89/-, 6d., 90/3, 89/6. **Doolcogram**—69/3, 6d., 9d. **Doom Dooma** (x.d.)—5⅛. **East India and Ceylon** (x.d.)—74/-, 1/6, 2/6, 9½d., 3/-, 2/6, 3/6. **Eastern Assam** (x.d.)—83/6. **Eastern Produce**—85/6, 6/3, 7/-, 9d., 3d., 6/9, 8/-, 7/-, 3d., 6d., 6/3, 8/6, 7/6, 6/6. **Empire** (x.d.)—95/-, 3d., 4/6, 4/-. **Imperial** (x.d.)—59/6, 60/-, 3d., 60/-, 6d. **Jhanzie** (x.d.)—95/-, 6/-, 8/6, 7/-, 5/4⅛, 7/-, 8/-, 5/-, 6d., 6/-, 7/-, 6d., 8/-, 7/9, 3d. **Jokai**—99/-, 6d., 100/-, 6d., 99/6. **Jorehaut**—£5 2/-, 5 1/16, £5 3/-, 5⅛, £5 3/6, £5 4/-, 5⅛, £5 1/-. **Longal Valley**—51/-. **Lungla** (x.d.)—49/-, 3d. **Lunuva**—45/-, 4/3, 6d. **Majuli**—96/-. **Moabund**—87/6. **Nedeem**—866/-. **New Sylhet**—5⅛. **Pandan**—20/9, 1/3. **Peacock and Nilambe**—4/2⅛, 3d. **Poonmudi**—4/-, 3d. **Sephinjuri Bheel**—16/7⅛, 6d. **Singlo** (x.d.)—90/-, 88/3, 6d. **Tea Corporation**—29/6, 9d., 3d., 30/-, 29/9, 9/-. **Travancore**—5 11/16, ⅛. **United Planters, Ceylon**—75/-, 4/-, 6d., 3/10⅛. **Upper Assam**—69/6, 70/6.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles a very good market, and good business. Bleachers, 63/6-64/-; do. Pref., 22/-22/6; Calicos, 36/3-36/9; do. Pref., 18/3-18/6; Dyers, 84/-84/6; do. Pref., 19/9-20/3; Cottons, 60/-61/-; do. Pref., 19/9-20/-; Spinners, 55/6-56/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Stubbers," 8/6-8/9; Coats, 62/6-63/-; Ship Canal, 8 3/16-8 5/16; do. Pref., 8 5/16-8 7/16; Velvets, 30/6-31/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors still undecided, but Standards spurted, and S.T.D. Preferred rising on dividend hopes, 11/7½; Singers, Rovers, and Rolls drooping. Austins, 6/6; do. Debs., 88/-; Rinemels, 37/6; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 5/3; Enfields, 27/-; Humbers, 29/-; Napiers, 23/9; do. Pref., 18/9; Rolls, 28/-; Rovers, 11/3; Singers, 33/3; Standards, 49/-; Swifts, 8/9; Triumphs, 28/9; Vauxhalls, 5/6; Dunlops, 10/6; Parent Def., 35/- x.d. and b.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

COURTAULDS AND A NEW SILK PROCESS.

It was reported in some quarters in London on Wednesday that Courtaulds had succeeded in acquiring the rights over a new process for the manufacture of artificial silk, which would have an important effect upon future earnings. The idea was that not only would greater economy in production costs be obtained by the use of the new method, but that the latter would turn out a substantially higher-grade material of consistent quality. The shares have been steadily advancing for some time past.

INDIANAPOLIS BREWERIES.

In their annual report, the directors of the Indianapolis Breweries state that a scheme of arrangement between the Debenture holders and the company will shortly be completed, whereby the payment of interest will be postponed for three years and the Debenture debt reduced to £110,300. No dividend has been paid on the Ordinary capital since 1915, and the Preference dividend is in arrear since September, 1917.

BIG ORDER TO MANCHESTER FIRM.

A well-known Manchester engineering firm, West's Gas Improvement Company, has, says the *Daily Dispatch*, secured one of the most important gas contracts ever given to a Manchester concern. The contract is from the Gas Light and Coke Company, and comprises a carbonising plant with 112 retorts, with a capacity of 7,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day, and costing £120,000. This contract is in connection with the extension of the Gas Company's works at 9 Elms-lane, on which an expenditure of £1,500,000 is being made.

DISTILLERS' SHARE ACTIVITY.

A feature of the Edinburgh Exchange yesterday was the enormous dealings in Distillers' shares. Immediately the Exchange opened transactions proceeded in thousands. The buying was largely from Glasgow and London, but 50s. looked a selling limit for the Scottish Investment Companies, which have always been large shareholders of Distillers. In the afternoon the price shaded, but late in the day the shares were again bid strongly at 49s. 6d. Several reasons account for the rise. It is considered certain that before long, notwithstanding the recent partial contradiction, there will be an amalgamation between Distillers, Buchanans and Walkers, with Distillers as the ruling power in the combine. It is known that the Distillers Co. have sold every drop of their product, which they wished to dispose of for 1924, and huge orders for the West Indies are awaiting acceptance. The company's turnover is a record one, and the dividend to be announced in January is consequently likely to be slightly increased as the result of their successful operations.

MESSRS. COPE BROS. AND CO.

Messrs. Cope Bros. and Co., Ltd., tobacco manufacturers, Liverpool, state that the announcement in the Press as to the fusion scheme of Cope Bros. is unauthorised and contrary to fact. No scheme of fusion with any other company has been considered or discussed by the directors of Cope Bros. and Co., Ltd., or by any person on their behalf.

MINING PROFIT.

Esperanza, Ltd.—November estimated operating profit, £5,517.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS COMFORTABLE.

WEAKNESS OF FRANCS.

The Bank return shows that market resources have been further depleted by the repayment of ways and means advances to the Bank of England. One of the joint stock banks, however, was lending out money yesterday, and this relieved the situation to some extent, so that conditions on the whole were just comfortable. Short loans were obtainable at 3 to 3¼ p.c., with weekly money going on at 2¾ p.c. Advances into the new year were 3¼ to 3½ p.c. Business remained quiet in the Discount market, and rates kept hard, with 3⅞ to 3 15/16 p.c. quoted for fine three months' bills. Secondhand Treasuries were offered at 3 11/16 to 1/16 over.

Bank Rate (Discount changed July 5, 1923), 4%					
60 days (fine)		3⅞%			
3 months	3⅜	3 15/16%	Trade	4	4½%
4 months	3⅜	3⅞%	"	4½	4½%
6 months		4%	"	4½	5%
Loans to brokers day-to-day				3¼	2⅞%
" " for a week					2⅞%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call					2%
Discount houses, at call					2%
" at notice					2¼%

Gold was unchanged at 88s. 10d. per oz. Silver rose ⅛d. per oz. to 32 5/16d. for spot and 32⅛d. for forward delivery on India and China buying.

Movements in the Foreign Exchange market were again very narrow yesterday, the weakness of francs and lire being the principal features. French francs further gave way to 87.55 to 87.60, and Italian lire to 109.75 to 109.82. Belgian currency was firmer at 94.95 to 95.00 on the announcement of a loan of 50,000,000 dollars in New York, but Spanish pesetas weakened to 33.65 to 33.68. Sterling on New York improved in the later dealings to 4.69⅜ to 4.69⅝. Eastern rates were firmer as a rule. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 18.		December 17.		Normal Rate
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.63	11.63¼	11.62½	11.63	12.10
B. Ayres	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	45¼	47.58
Barcelona	33.64	33.67	33.41	33.43	25.22
Berlin	19.68	19.71	19.65	19.75	20.40
Bombay	1/6⅛	1/6⅛	1/6⅛	1/6⅛	2/0
Brussels	94.95	95.00	95.00	95.10	25.22½
Calcutta	1/6⅛	1/6⅛	1/6⅛	1/6⅛	2/0
Christiania	31.92	31.93	30.99	31.02	18.15
Copenhagen	26.53	26.57	26.56	26.63	18.15
Czecho-Slov	154½	155	154½	155½	—
Finland	186	186½	186	186½	25.22½
Greece	257½	259½	256	262	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/4	2.4⅛	2/3⅞	2/4⅛	—
Hungary	340,000	350,000	340,000	350,000	—
Italy	109.75	109.82	108.80	108.90	25.22½
Lisbon	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	53 5/16d.
Madrid	33.65	33.68	33.42	33.45	25.22½
Mexico	24⅛	25⅛	24⅛	25⅛	24⅛d.
Montreal	4.71⅛	4.71⅜	4.71⅛	4.71⅛	4.86
Montevideo	48⅛	48⅜	49⅛	49⅛	51d.
New York	4.69⅜	4.70⅛	4.68⅛	4.69⅛	4.86
Paris	87.50	87.90	87.35	88.00	25.22
Poland	24.50	24.50	24.30	24.80	25.22½
Rio de Jan.	5⅜	5⅜	5⅜	5⅜	16d.
Roumania	9.23	9.28	9.22	9.26	—
Shanghai	3/2⅛	3.3	3.2⅛	3.2⅛	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	17.39	17.41	17.40	17.42	18.15
Switzerland	24.22	24.23	24.22	24.25	25.22
Valparaiso	40 30		40.90		13.33
Vienna	331,000	334,000	330,000	335,000	—
Yokohama	1/7⅜	1/7⅛	1/7⅜	1/7⅛	4.5

BANK RETURN.

The Bank return shows an increase of a little over £1,000,000 in the note circulation, and to this extent the reserve has declined, the latter item having been reduced to £22,757,837. Owing, however, to a heavy drop in the deposits its proportion to liabilities is fully 1½ per cent. better than a week ago at 19 1/16 per cent. The decline in the deposits was mainly due to a decrease of £15,000,000 in the Government securities, the result of repayments of advances obtained by the Government from the Bank. There was also a decrease of £341,000 in the "other securities," and the public deposits were increased to the extent of about £518,000, so that with the decline in reserve, the private deposits are nearly £17,000,000 down for the week at £108,750,895. The prospects are that the next return will show a big increase in this last item, owing to borrowing by the market, and with a further expansion in the note circulation reducing the reserve, the ratio of the latter to liabilities may sink to a very low figure. More especially will this be the case if it is found necessary to transfer a further amount of Bank of England notes to the currency note reserve.

WEEK ENDED 17TH DECEMBER, 1924.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued	£146,434,760	Govt. Debt	£11,015,100
		Other Securities	8,734,900
		Gold Coin and Bullion	126,684,760
	£146,434,760		£146,434,760

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£42,039,552
Rest	3,324,464	Other Securities	72,398,360
Public deposits	10,557,365	Notes	20,930,980
Other deposits	108,750,895	Gold & Silver Coin	1,826,857
7-day & other Bills	10,025		
	£137,195,749		£137,195,749

Compared with last week:	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	1,056,605	—
Public Deposits	517,934	—
Other Deposits	—	16,946,058
Government Securities	—	15,002,811
Other Securities	—	341,806
Bullion	7,591	—
Rest	32,389	—
Reserve	—	1,057,108

Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities 19 1/16% against 17 9/16% last week.

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and during the previous two years:—

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	£ 125,503,780	£ 128,185,170	£ 124,890,400
Public Deposits	10,557,365	15,375,173	17,013,748
Other Deposits	108,750,895	109,690,229	106,381,806
Govt. Securities	42,039,552	47,408,532	51,522,091
Other Securities	72,398,360	75,920,100	66,797,525
Reserve of Notes & Coin	22,757,837	19,587,913	21,003,819
Coin & Bullion	126,511,617	128,023,083	127,444,219
Reserve to Liabilities	19 1/16%	15 9/16%	17%
Bank Rate	4%	4%	3%
Consols	57⅛	55	55¾
Bar Silver	32 5/16d.	33⅛d.	30⅞d
Clearinghouse Return	£ 778,556,000	£ 716,406,000	£ 715,111,000

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather.—S.S.W. wind, strong breeze; dull and overcast; showery.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Theano, of Rotterdam, 368 tons register, Captain Onnes, from Rotterdam, with a general cargo; discharged at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo. Ss. General Leman, of Antwerp, 518 tons register, Captain De Corte, from Antwerp, with a general cargo; discharging at Shelter Sheds, Alexandra Basin. Ss. Stor, of Hamburg, 348 tons register, Captain Workall, from Hamburg, via Cork, with a general cargo; discharging at Transit Shed, Custom House Quay. Ss. Hoxie, of Baltimore (U.S.A.), 2,836 tons register, Captain Lewis, from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, via Cork, with a general cargo; discharging at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension. Ss. Carrigan Head, of Belfast, 2,708 tons register, Captain Niblock, from Montreal, via Belfast, with a general cargo; discharging at Shelter Sheds, Alexandra Basin. Ss. Lavada, of San Francisco, 3,762 tons register, Captain Jamieson, from New Orleans, via Glasgow, with a general cargo; discharging at Shelter Sheds, Alexandra Basin.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Slievemore, ss. South Stack, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Yarrow, from Silloth, with goods; ss. Lady Cloe, from London, with goods; ss. Lady Patricia, from London, with goods; ss. Lady Longford, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Tiger, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Olive, from Heysham, with goods; ss. St. Fintan, ss. Aspen, ss. Sarah Brough, from Garston, with coals; ss. Mountcharles, ss. Ophir, from Garston, with coals; ss. Onyx, from Glasgow, with coals; ss. Glenculien, from Partington, with coals; ss. Oak, from Cardiff, with coals; ss. Cameo, from Ayr, with coals; ss. Glenmary, from Runcorn, light; ss. Snowdon, from Holyhead, light.

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Slieve Donard, ss. Slievemore, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Longford, ss. Lady Kildare, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with live stock and goods; ss. Lady Wicklow, for Manchester, with live stock and goods; ss. Lady Brussels, for Preston, with live stock and goods; ss. Snowdon, for Holyhead, with live stock; ss. Yarrow, for Silloth, with goods; ss. Tiger, for Glasgow, with goods; ss. Olive, for Heysham, with goods; ss. Lady Patricia, for London, with goods; ss. River Humber, ss. Gem, ss. Olivine, for Newport, light; ss. Zillah, for Piel, light; ss. Sapphire, for Ayr, light; ss. Ophir, for Ormeshead, light; ss. Redesmere, for Trevor, light; ss. Achill, ss. Aspen, for Garston, light; ss. Ierne, for Dundalk, light; ss. Mountcharles, for Birkenhead, light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

BATA, Liverpool for Bathurst, called Dakar 16.
BATA, from Liverpool, arrived Dakar 15.
BRANDON, for St. John, left Gravesend 17.
CITY OF WINCHESTER, from Fremantle, arrived Hull 17.
CITY OF GLASGOW, from Hankow, arrived Gravesend 18.
CITY OF VALENCIA, from Liverpool, arrived Calcutta 16.
CALIFORNIA, from Bombay, arrived Mersey 18.
CITY OF SIMLA, from Calcutta, arrived Gravesend 18.
CERAMIC, from New Zealand, arrived Southampton 18.
DUMANA, for London, left Calcutta 17.
EKARI, for Liverpool, left Grand Bassam 15.
GASCON, from Beira, arrived Gravesend 17.
KRIVA, for London, left Kobe 7.
LA PAZ, from London, arrived Antofagasta 17.
LAGARTO, Valparaiso for Liverpool, arr. Panama 17.
MAJESTIC, for Southampton, left New York 17.
MONGOLIA, New York for Hamburg, called Plymouth 18.
MADURA, for United Kingdom, left Port Said 16.
MOREA, London for Japan, arrived Port Said 17.
MATWA, from Yokohama, arrived Plymouth 18.
MEDIAN, from Liverpool, arrived New Orleans 17.
MISSOURI, for London, left Norfolk 16.
NUOVA, from Santa Maria, arrived Garston 16.
NUDDEA, Port Pirie for Hull, arrived Dunkirk 16.
OLYMPIC, for New York, left Southampton 18.
ORMONDE, from Brisbane, arrived Gravesend 18.
ORIANA, Liverpool for Coronel, called Talcahuano 17.
PACUARE, for Garston, left Santa Marta 15.
PORT PIRIE, from Australia, arrived Hull 17.
PRAHSU, Duala for London, called Las Palmas 18.
PORT CAROLINE, from Wanganui, arrived Gravesend 17.
ROMNEY, for Rosario, left Gravesend 17.
ROUNTON GRANGE, for Santa Fe, left Swansea 17.
SNIVERBANK, for Plymouth, left Barbados 17.
SOMERSETSHIRE, from London, arrived Calcutta 17.

AUCTION TO-DAY AT 29 BACHELOR'S WALK.
COX'S AUCTION ROOMS.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOS, &c.,

Comprising principally:—Magnificent Pianola Piano, by Stroud (cost 180 guineas); Harmonium, by Crane and Son; Inlaid Rosewood, Ormolu-mounted, and Buhl China Cabinets; Mahogany, Walnut, Oak, Inlaid Rosewood, Gilt-framed and Chippendale Overmantel Glasses; Hair-stuffed Chesterfield Set, in pink silk tapestry; 7-piece Black and Gold Chesterfield Suite, 7-piece Drawingroom Suite, in tapestry; Chippendale Settees, Occasional Chairs and Centre Tables; Silver-plated Ware in variety, including Soup Tureens, Entree Dishes and Dish Covers; Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses, Pictures and Paintings, French Fine Gilt Clock Set, Mahogany and Oak Glass and Carved-back Sideboards, Carved Mahogany Glass-back Sideboard, Glass-back Cheffoniers, Mahogany and Oak Screw Dining Tables, from 8' x 4' to 12' x 5'; Mahogany, Walnut and Oak Frame Dining Chairs, covered in leather, tapestry, and haircloth; Mahogany and Walnut Dumb Waiters, 5ft. Oak Bookcase, 4ft. Mahogany Bureau Bookcase, Cash Register, by National Cash Register Co.; Walnut and Oak Hall Stands, 6ft. Sheraton Bedroom Suite, with Cheval Dressing Glass and Swing Mirrors; 6ft. Mahogany Glass-door Wardrobe and Duchess Pair to match, Cheval Dressing Chests, Mahogany Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands and Pedestals, and Toilet Glasses; Bedroom Suites, from 3ft. to 5ft., in Mahogany, Walnut and Satin Walnut; large assortment of Carpets and Stair Carpeting, in assorted sizes; Deal Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture, Beds and Bedding; Pots, Pans and Culinary Utensils in variety, and numerous miscellaneous effects. Auction 12.30 o'c. Pianos sold at 4 o'c.

JOHN H. COX, F.A.I., AUCTIONEER & VALUER.

ON VIEW THIS DAY.

IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE BY AUCTION,
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AND MONDAY NEXT.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS AND EFFECTS, ¾-SIZE ORME BILLIARD TABLE, &c.

(Removed from City and Suburban Residences for convenience of Sale).

Comprising briefly:—Five Sweet-toned Cottage Pianofortes, by eminent makers; several Gramophones, Records, and Musical Instruments; two superior Mahogany Louis Cabinets, Mahogany Music Cabinet, Piano-Player and 118 Music Rolls, quantity of Secondhand Toys, several magnificent Sideboards, Cabinets and Cheffoniers; 10 Mahogany Screw-expanding Dining Tables, with loose leaves, from 6 to 15 feet long; Chesterfield Suites, Lounge and Easy Chairs, Occasional Tables and Chairs, choice Mahogany Louis Overmantel, pair of All-Brass Twin Bedsteads, with Woven-Wire Spring Mattresses; Jacobean Oak Bedstead and Spring Mattress, 5ft. Dark Oak Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces, Oak Chest of Drawers, Walnut Blanket Chest, Mahogany Cheval Glass, 2 Mahogany Inlaid Chests of Drawers, very fine 6ft. Mahogany Inlaid Bedroom Suite of 5 pieces (double mirror door to Robe), 4' 6" Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces, 2' 6" ditto, set of 6 very fine Mahogany Spoonback Dining Chairs, hair-stuffed and covered in Morocco; almost-new Knitting Machine and accessories, cost £10, very little used; Typewriters, Sewing Machines, Grandfather Clock, Hall Stands and Chairs, Fenders and Curb Sets, Overmantel Glasses, Single and Double Mahogany and other Wardrobes, Duchesse Pairs, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Towel Rails, Toilet Sets, Bedsteads and Bedding, Hair Mattresses, &c.; Pictures, Paintings, Engravings, Silver and Plated Ware; also a quantity of Men's Boots and Shoes, Millinery, &c.; together with a large assortment of Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, &c. FULL PARTICULARS IN TO-MORROW'S ADVERTISEMENT.

JAMES HILL & SON, M.I.A.A.,
AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, 9 AND 10 BACHELOR'S WALK.

SALE THIS DAY, AT 11.30 A.M.
OAKLY PARK, CELBRIDGE.—WINDING-UP RESIDUE SALE.

WM. MONTGOMERY and SON are instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, as above, the following—Garden Tools, 2 Water Barrels, Lawn Mower, Hand Cart, Tables, Presses, Kitchen Furniture and Culinary Utensils, Cross Cut Saws, Axes, Benches, and a large assortment of Miscellaneous Effects.

FOR ANOTHER ACCOUNT—Several Head of Cattle.

Purchasers to pay 5 per cent. Fees. On View This Morning. Delivery to purchasers immediately after Sale.

WM. MONTGOMERY & SON, M.I.A.A.,
GAINSBORO' HOUSE, 24 SUFFOLK STREET, DUBLIN.

FURNITURE AUCTIONS CONDUCTED
BY
JAMES H. NORTH & CO., AUCTIONEERS,
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Christmas Holidays! Outfits at Slyne's

In Wool Bouclette, for 10 years of age ...... 25/6 Rising 2/-. In Almond, Saxe, and Yellow shades.

In Light Tan Wool Marocain. 28"...... 3½ Gns.

In Beaver Velours, with curled collar & cuffs. 39"... £3 10 0

Slyne & Co. Ltd.

71 Grafton Street, 1-2 Harry Street, Dublin

APPEALS.

ROYAL VICTORIA EYE & EAR HOSPITAL.
SPECIAL APPEAL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL VICTORIA EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL MAKE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE PUBLIC FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS AND SUCHLIKE GIFTS, to help to give happiness and pleasure to the Patients at this season, when all are anxious to help and comfort those who are suffering, the claims of those who are threatened with loss of sight or hearing will appeal to all, and, it is hoped, that the children especially, will not be forgotten by the more fortunate during this Xmas Season.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL KINGSTOWN.
CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Sisters of Mercy earnestly ask their kind friends to remember St. Michael's Hospital in their Christmas Charities.

The prayers of the Community are offered daily for Benefactors.

XMAS CHARITIES.

PLEASE HELP
MRS. SMYLY'S HOMES AND FREE SCHOOLS,

Where nearly 400 Children are Fed Daily.
Hon Treasurer,
Miss ANNIE D. SMYLY,
21 Grattan street, Dublin.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

THE NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

The Governors of the Hospital again appeal to the friends and supporters of this very deserving Institution, and ask them, when distributing their Christmas Gifts, to remember the Poor, and so gain the Blessings of this holy season.

The pressure on the funds of the Hospital is very great, and although many have responded generously to the monthly appeal, there are still a great many improvements necessary to make the Hospital comfortable, and the Governors depend on the generosity of the Public to carry them out.

Any sum, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. This is the season of generosity, the season when the needs of the Poor are greatest, and the Governors hope for a response to the call of this great charity.

SAILORS' CHRISTMAS.
BRITISH AND FOREIGN SAILORS' SOCIETY.

THE SAILORS' REST, 63 North Wall, has for years provided Xmas Fare and Entertainment for the Sailors who are away from home on Christmas Day. No special appeal is being sent out this year, but sympathisers are kindly requested to help by forwarding Gifts in Cash or kind.

Rev. J. S. CROCKETT, Hon. Secretary.
CHAS. E. STEWART, [illegible] Missionary.

APPEALS.

A CHRISTMAS CRY FROM THE CHILDREN.

AT ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE'S CONVENT, SEVILLE PLACE, DUBLIN, the Sisters of Charity give Free Dinners to a large number of little ones daily. Surely at Xmastide everyone will feel that to feed the hungry child is the call that appeals to the heart.

Penny Dinners are also daily served out to adults.

The smallest offering will be gratefully received by the Sisters of Charity, who ask you also to remember St. Mary's Home for Befriending Girls of respectable character and obtaining employment for them.

ST. NICHOLAS' WITHOUT AND ST. LUKE'S, DUBLIN. CHRISTMAS POOR AND WINTER COAL FUND, 1924.

Dear Christian Friends,—I appeal again for the Christmas Poor and Coal Fund of St. Luke's Parish—a Fund which for many years has alleviated distress in the ancient district known as the Liberties of the Coombe, and done unquestionably good work. Though the parish is returning slowly to its normal state (never that of affluence), unemployment is even greater than last year. The cost of living and high rents press severely on the poor. The smallest help will be most thankfully received. A copy of the Annual Report is sent to every contributor whose address is known. Contributions will be received by Mr. William Stewart, 20 New street; by the Parochial Treasurer, Mr. R. Allen, 19 and 20 Lower Clanbrassil street; or by yours faithfully, T. H. SEALE, St. Luke's Rectory, South Circular road, Dublin.

HOSPICE FOR THE DYING, HAROLD'S CROSS.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY IN CHARGE OF THE DYING EARNESTLY SOLICIT A SHARE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS ALMS. SMALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

We Appeal to our Charitable Friends to help us to keep open the doors of the Hospice for the Dying who seek for a peaceful Home wherein to die.

MATER MISERICORDIÆ HOSPITAL.

THE SISTERS OF MERCY IN CHARGE OF THIS HOSPITAL EARNESTLY ASK FOR A SHARE IN YOUR CHRISTMAS ALMS. THE SMALLEST DONATION WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY IN CHARGE OF THE HOSPITAL EARNESTLY SOLICIT A PORTION OF YOUR CHRISTMAS ALMS.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

DOCKRELL LIMITED, M.I.A.A.

VALUERS FOR PROBATE.

Palmerston Park (vicinity)—TO BE LET, a VALUABLE BUILDING SITE, convenient to Temple Gardens and Palmerston Park. The frontage extends over 1,200 feet. Further particulars from Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

Clonskeagh, 2 Acres—CHARMING DETACHED MODERN RESIDENCE FOR SALE—£2,250; 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, servant's room, kitchen, hot bath; large garden, conservatory, motor-house, electric light and telephone. Apply Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

Stillorgan, 2 Acres—DETACHED NON-BASEMENT HOUSE FOR SALE, with possession—£1,400; head rent £21; one mile from station and 5 minutes from 'bus; 5 bedrooms, 2 reception, and maid's room, hot bath, large garden, and motor house. Seen on orders from Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

Gt. Brunswick Street (vicinity)—To Wholesale Manufacturers and Others—FOR SALE, very fine STORE, with a depth of about 160 feet, all on one floor, to be Sold on moderate terms. There is a fine gate entrance, and the premises are suitable for manufacturing purposes and very convenient to the shipping. More space up to 1 rood 89 feet, covered in, can be had. Apply Dockrell Limited, Agents, Dublin.

Lucan, Celbridge, Clondalkin, or Castleknock—WANTED, by excellent tenant, DETACHED RESIDENCE, containing 3 reception, 4 bedrooms, and 2 maids' rooms, and motor garage or stabling. Replies to Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

DOCKRELL LIMITED.
STH. GT. GEORGE'S STREET.

SHOOTING, FISHING, HUNTING.

FOR SALE, with good Salmon and Peel Fishing on the Shannon, Gentleman's Small Residence; electric light, central heating; seven miles from Limerick. Reasonable offers considered. For further particulars apply to H. BINDON ALTON, 84 O'Connell street, Limerick.

AUCTIONS.

ON VIEW TO-DAY. SALE TO-MORROW, OF MODERN FURNITURE AT BROWN'S AUCTION ROOMS, 4 LOWER ORMOND QUAY. Bedroom and Diningroom Suites, Dining Chairs and Tables, Overmantels, Brass Kerbs, Carpets and Rugs, Gent.'s Bicycle (Rudge), Scooters, Dolls' Prams, Dolls, Trunks, Ornaments, Cutlery, Plated Ware, etc.

SALE 2 o'c. 5 per cent. Auction Fees.

FOR SALE,
On FRIDAY, 2nd JANUARY,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
At the COURTHOUSE, MOY
(Unless previously disposed of), those Valuable
FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES,
The Property of Mr. David Topping.

The premises are situate in one of the best positions in the town of Moy, for the carrying on of a most successful business in any of the following lines:—Grocery, Drapery, Hardware, Coal or Timber merchant. There is also good Dwelling accommodation.

For further and full particulars apply to Messrs. SIMMONS, MEGLAUGHLIN and ORR, Solicitors, Dungannon; or

W. R. HANNA,
AUCTIONEER, CHARLEMONT, MOY.

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SPECIFIC ARTICLES.

AT KELLY'S, 48 FLEET STREET, Engagement Rings—A magnificent Selection of Secondhand Single Stone, Two, Three, Five Stone Gipsy, Marquise, and Cluster Rings, set with Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Sapphires and Pearls, etc., of the finest quality, brilliancy, and colour. T

ANTHRACITE Stove, large, No. 4 Francesco, perfect, suit small hall. Seen Henshaw, Christchurch place, Dublin. Owner requires smaller stove, same make, in exchange, therefore liberal terms to prompt purchaser.—D 1422, this office. 16 F

ABOUT 800 Foreign Stamps for 25/-; suit young collector.—D 1479, this office. 17 E

BEST Pure Sweets, free by post, 2 lbs. 4/-, 4 lbs. 7/6; direct from manufacturers.—The Sweeteries, 17 Capel street, Dublin. 13 15

BOY'S Collection of Stamps, about 500; 20/- or nearest.—D 1480, this office. 17 E

BURROUGHES Watts full size Billiard Table, etc., for Sale.—37 Raglan road, Dublin. X

BED or Couch Covers, 90 per cent pure silk, 52" x 74", weight 1lb. 12ozs., 17/6 each; artistic stripes, blue or red ground; send P.O.—Mr. C., 139 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 18 B

CHRISTMAS Delights—For old and young in the Christmas Number of the "Weekly Irish Times." On sale to-day, price threepence. Calendar Supplement, with Photos. of all Irish Judges, given free. F

CARRIGEEN Moss, delivered by post or rail; selected quality. Apply Julia S. Murphy, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. 12 E

CHILD'S Tricycle, cost £6 10/-; one year in use. Seen Turlough, Terenure road. T

FULL Size Iron Cot, complete with Spring and Hair Mattress.—168 Merrion road. 17 E

FOR Sale, Canary, moderate; also Baby's Go-car, two positions, new condition.—3 Castlewood avenue.

GLASS Showcase for Sale, ten by seven feet high, cost £17; take half or reasonable offer.—2 Townsend street. 17 A

HANDSOME Shop Fitting, suitable for restaurant or publichouse. Can be seen at Steam Works, Rathmines. 15 E

HOME Cinema (Butchers) for Sale, perfect condition, for standard size films; will give 6 foot picture, with screen, everything complete. Apply 11 Walworth road, S.C. road, Dublin. 18 B

MANGLES, Washing Machines, Wringers, all Household Requisites.—The Dairy Engineering Co. of Ireland, Ltd., 21 and 22 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. 12 E

MODEL Railway for Sale; large quantity rails, points, Clockwork Locomotives, etc.; gauge 0.—D 1446, this office. 16 F

PORTABLE Motor Garage for Sale, 16 x 10 x 7, delivered and erected, city or suburbs, £20; a bargain.—Meyers and Sons, Rathgar.

SACKS, Rick Covers, Waterproof Covers for Sale or Hire on best terms.—Coleman's, 25, 26 and 27 Chancery street, Dublin. T

SHOP Fixtures (mahogany), also Counters, Counter Cases, etc. Seen 74 Grafton street.

TYPEWRITERS—Oliver £5, £8, £10, guaranteed; Yost £2 10/- and £12.—Booth Brothers, Stephen street, Dublin. 18 4

TOY Pony and Trap (new); cost four guineas; sell three, or nearest offer.—26 Northumberland road. 18 B

TYPEWRITERS, New, £8; Rebuilts, £4 (special).—Norman, Typewriter Works, 7 Eden quay.

2 SPLENDID Heating Coal Stoves, 1 Gas Radiator, Barrels; all cheap.—1 Williams's Park, Rathmines. 18 F

WIRELESS BROADCASTING, ETC.

ALL Models Radiax Wireless Sets and Accessories in stock.—Pitmans, Electrical Engineers. (Est. 1884), 16 Crow street, Dublin. T

FOUR Valve Wireless Receiver, in well finished Mahogany Cabinet, with full stock of accessories, which include batteries, valves, loud speaker, 'phones, and coils, all of the best make and perfectly new; can be heard working any time by appointment; £20. Address "Z 48, Wireless," this office. 16 F

WIRELESS Battery Charging Station—E. J. Shannon and Co., Belgrove road Garage, Clontarf. T

SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED.

ANTIQUE Silver Cups, Candlesticks, Salvers, Sugar Bowls, etc.; also Diamond Ornaments. Precious Stones and Old Gold; highest prices given.—West and Son, Grafton House, Grafton street. T

ANY quantity Rabbit Skins, Wanted; highest prices.—Freedman, 22 Merchant's quay, Dublin. 26 24

DIAMONDS, Old Gold, Antique Silver, Miniatures, etc., Purchased for cash.—Edmond Johnson, Ltd., 94 Grafton street. T

FEATHER BEDS WANTED. Highest prices given. Will send to examine in city. IRISH FEATHER CO., LTD., TARA ST., Dublin. IRISH FIRM. 'Phone, 4661. T

GOODMAN'S pay more than anybody else; old False Teeth, 2/- a tooth on metal plates, up to 14/- vulcanite sets.—7 East Parade, Leeds. 12 15

SASHES and Frames Wanted, any large size, good condition, answer big house; state particulars, price. D 1304, this office. 15 E

WANTED, Child's Fairy Bicycle or small Bicycle. D 1523, this office.

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APARTMENTS Agency—Lists on application; Flats, Board Residence, Furnished Apartments.—Miss White, 25 Nassau street. 7 T

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BLACKROCK—Advertisements for "Irish Times" received at 41 Main street up to 3.30 p.m. for following day's Paper. T

TO Let, Furnished, for three months, small House, two minutes' walk from Woodenbridge Golf Links, Co. Wicklow; diningroom, sittingroom, small hall, kitchen, upstairs two bedrooms, bathroom, servant's room.—Bayly, Woodenbridge. 16 E

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